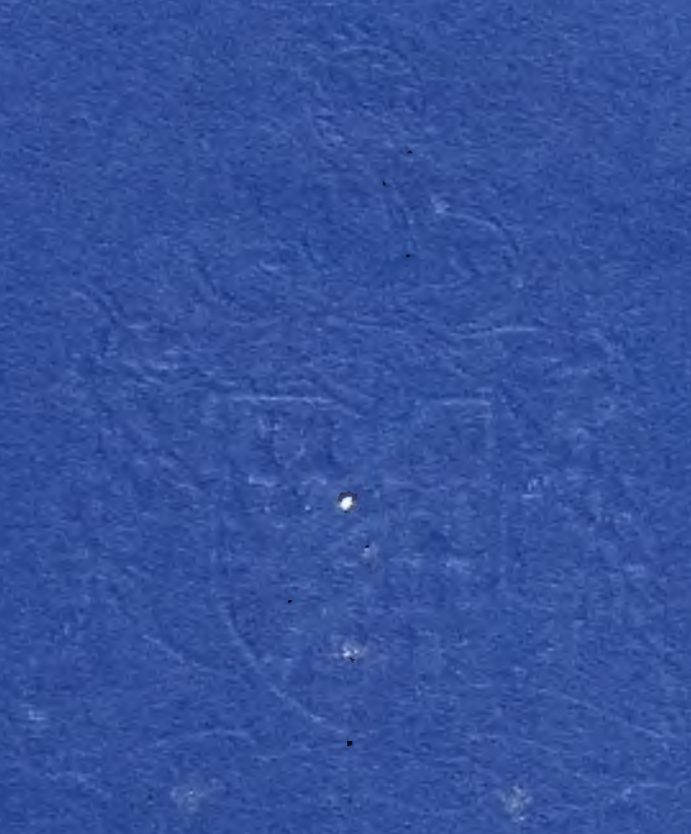


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Editorial

During the last few months the School has done much to develop international knowledge and understanding. This is by no means a new departure as we have for some years given enthusiastic support to conferences on world affairs organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship and other bodies, and have often had speakers and discussions at School to develop our information about other peoples and their way of life; parties of boys have gone abroad, some boys have travelled individually and written extensively of their experiences in past numbers of *The Skylark*, and last year we successfully developed a close liaison with the Lycée Français of London through the Franco-British Society, exchanging joint social and cultural visits. We had not, hitherto, had an exchange-visit on a group basis with a School *abroad*. This we have now successfully carried out; a group of eighteen boys visited Emden High School early in the term and received their German hosts into their own homes at Whitsun.

Our party was warmly welcomed in Germany and very hospitably entertained, and our boys found that in spite of the fact that the scars of war had not been eradicated from the landscape they had at least healed in the hearts of the men and women who entertained them, and had seemingly left no mark in the hearts and minds of a younger generation eager to meet English boys for the first time. When these eighteen German youths eventually came to bomb-scarred London they learned too, that English people and Haberdashers in particular, could be generous, friendly, helpful and kind to the stranger, although his father might have once commanded a U Boat or a deadly Luftwaffe plane. As one of our parents remarked, "they felt they were doing more than being merely hospitable, they were doing something to help bury the past and develop new hope for the future—a happier future for the youth of today." That our parents succeeded in their aim to a large extent may be gathered from the words afterwards written by Dr. Brose, Headmaster of the German School: "The best thing we carried home to Germany was the feeling that we had gained new friends in England. Seeing the sights of London was very attractive and important for our boys, indeed, and so was the practice in the use of the English language, but what we need most, I think, is mutual understanding and friendship and it seems to me we are on the very way to that aim We could'nt feel as strangers when leaving England!"

We are happy and proud to have achieved such a happy result in so short a time and do thank the parents concerned both here and in Germany for having helped us so much to that end. What we have done in relation to Emden, we hope we may also do elsewhere—and so do more and more to bring our School and

our homes into contact with other Schools and homes abroad. As we go to press another party of German scholars have been visiting us just for a day, in the course of a visit to London, and so impressed have they been by the warmth of their welcome that they have invited us to send some boys from the School to visit them in Mannheim next year.

Yet we must not forget the value of individual exchange and foreign travel. How much more do we now appreciate Americans after having Mr. Ricci with us for a year, whilst Mr. Beynon has been enjoying the fruits of American hospitality and generosity in Mr. Ricci's home town and impressing Americans with the attributes of a true Englishman! Every individual travelling abroad is an ambassador for his own Country! Many of us will be going abroad during the Summer holidays, meeting many foreigners perhaps for the first time and finding not only the language but the customs very strange, not to say peculiar. But they, too, will at first find us strange and peculiar and would certainly resent any criticism. There will, however, be no difficulty, and all differences of both language and custom can soon be forgotten if there is mutual good-will and a determination to be friendly and understanding. To make a good impression on people who know little of the Englishman and his ways may have a great and lasting value. Our own politicians are striving hard to bring peace and good-will to the world. We too can help a great deal if we spread that same spirit amongst ordinary people from other lands, wherever we may meet them.

If you are travelling abroad or meeting foreigners here, be a *good ambassador*—for your country and your School! Let *Haberdashers* everywhere be known for happiness, helpfulness and hospitality.

"that we may count all men our brothers and welcome them with open hands and open minds."

Editors:

A. Beck

Mr. G. S. Campbell

D. W. Curtis.

School Officers

Captain of the School:

W. D. M. OETERS

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Hendersons:

C. B. PERKINS

Russells

F. L. GARDNER

Joblings:

H. E. COUCH

Strouts:

L. D. SUPRAN

Captains of Games:

Athletics:

J. R. IRWIN

Fives:

C. BRYANT

Basket Ball:

W. D. M. OETERS

Rowing:

J. H. ROUTLEY

Boxing:

F. L. GARDNER

Rugby:

H. E. COUCH

Cricket:

N. A. FULLER

Shooting:

A. M. BARROW

Cross-Country:

A. E. SHRIMPTON

Swimming

L. J. CLARK

Tennis: L. D. SUPRAN

Senior N.C.O., C.C.F.: C. B. PERKINS

School Librarian: M. F. NEALE

De Omnibus Rebus

Mr. W. F. Barling has been given leave of absence for the Summer Term to do a course of study in French literature at Nice.

In his place we have been pleased to welcome as a temporary member of staff Mr. H. Lear.

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Mr. K. M. Beynon has been enjoying life in Hingham, Mass., U.S.A., and reports that his wife, who went out to join him early in the summer, has been welcomed very generously. His term finished on June 23rd and he then intended spending July and part of August travelling in the States before returning home. He will return to School next term.

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Mr. T. Ricci, who exchanged jobs with Mr. Beynon for the year, will be leaving us at the end of this term to return to Hingham. He has entered very fully into the life of the School during his stay among us and made himself very popular. He will be sadly missed by boys and staff alike. We thank him for his good fellowship, good humour, kindness, and unfailing enthusiasm for everything connected with the School, and wish him well in his future career. He has done much for Anglo-American understanding at Haberdashers.'

Also at the end of this term we regretfully say goodbye to Mr. V. C. Osborn, B.A., and Mr. R. G. Pawsey, B.Sc.

Mr. Osborn, who hails from Queensland, Australia, came to us from there in the Autumn of 1952 to teach mathematics. He has at last succumbed to home sickness and returns to his native land in August. During his short stay among us he has impressed us with his sound Australian commonsense and conscientious application to duty, doing useful service with the C.C.F. and assisting with many other School activities. He has been the first president of the Motor Enthusiasts Club, which is one of the most active and popular of the School Societies. We wish him every success in his future career and hope he will take away with him many happy memories of his stay among us.

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Mr. Pawsey has only been with us a year, but he now wishes to undertake further study at Nottingham University where he intends to take an M.Sc. degree in Mycology. He has been a popular member of the science department and we are sorry he has decided to give up teaching as a career. Our loss, however, means a gain to experimental science. We also wish him every happiness and success in his future career.

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Congratulations to A. E. Hall on gaining an *Open Exhibition* in Mathematics at Queen's College, Oxford, and to M. A. Bennett on gaining an *Open Scholarship* in Chemistry at the Imperial College of Science.

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Congratulations to D. J. Fawcett, on the award of a *Scholarship* at the De Havilland Aeronautical Training School.

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Congratulations to N. A. Fuller on his appointment as *Captain of Cricket* and to J. T. Farrand as *Vice-Captain*.

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D. W. Curtis, VIb Modern, has been appointed an additional editor of the *Skylark* in the place of G. B. Binding who left School at Christmas.

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The School team in the *Public Schools Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament*, which took place at Richmond during the Easter holidays, is to be congratulated on its great achievement in winning its way to the Quarter-finals. It was the last London School side left in the tournament.

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The House Rugby Competition was won for the first time in many years by Hendersons. The seven-a-side competition was won by Russells.

The Littlefield Cup for Cross-Country Running was won by Joblings.

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The School was represented by several members of the Fifth and Sixth forms at the C.E.W.C. Christmas Holiday Lectures at the Central Hall, Westminster.

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The annual social of the Science Society took place on January 19th.

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The Heads of the Preparatory and Primary Schools from which our boys usually come met at the School on January 20th. by kind invitation of Dr. Taylor to discuss with him and members of the staff some problems concerning entry to the School.

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The Lower School held a New Year Party on January 22nd., with tea, a film show and a variety of stage items. Mr. Cooper acted as host and M.C.

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Members of the Biology Sixth, under Mr. Savory, visited the Dental Department of Guy's Hospital on January 26th.

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On Thursday, January 28th the Sociological Society, through Mr. Campbell, its President, arranged a special showing of the UNESCO film "*World Without End*" for the benefit of the N.W. London Inter-Schools Discussion Group of C.E.W.C. Representatives of 14 Schools attended, including members of the Lycée Français at South Kensington. The film show was followed by a discussion on the film and the work of UNESCO, presided over by the Headmaster. The evening concluded with a dance.

Earlier in the day, by kind permission of the Headmaster, the same film was shown to members of the Upper and Lower Schools, being introduced most effectively on each occasion by Mr. T. Lawson, Secretary of C.E.W.C. Thus nearly 1,000 young people were able to see this remarkable film during that day, and gained a new interest in the work of the United Nations through UNESCO.

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A recorded version of *Transatlantic Forum*, which was reported in our last issue (No. 124., p.198) was played back to an invited audience at Broadcasting House on February 2nd. Our representative in this broadcast, F. L. Gardner, attended together with the Headmaster, Mr. Campbell and some members of the Economics Sixth. The reproduction was extremely clear.

On February 8th. Raymond Leppard gave a *piano recital* at the Acton Girls' School to members of our School Music Society meeting jointly with the Acton Music Club. The programme was much enjoyed.

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On Saturday, February 13th., the Lycée Francais under the auspices of *The Franco British Society*, held another of its periodic Anglo-French Socials to develop friendship and social contacts between its own senior pupils and those of English Public Schools in the London area. Nearly twenty Sixth Formers attended as representatives of the School and enjoyed another very pleasant evening.

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On March 1st. the Christian Union branches of both Schools also met together at Acton to hear an address by the Rev. John S. C. Miller, General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in Schools.

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On Tuesday, March 2nd., the School was represented by M. A. Phillips in an inter-Schools debate at Hendon County School under the auspices of the N.W. London Inter-Schools Group of C.E.W.C. The subject of the debate was "*German re-armament.*"

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Also on March 2nd., a party of senior boys visited Hampstead Town Hall with the Headmaster, to hear a lecture by Sir Frank Salisbury, R.A., on *art appreciation*.

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Haberdashers' Acton Girls' School held a Sixth Form party at Acton on Friday, March 5th. A large number of Sixth Formers and some members of Staff attended.

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The Examination for entry to the School in September was held on the School premises on March 12th. Nearly 600 candidates attended to compete for the hundred places available.

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Later the same day members of the S.S.U. attended the Conference on "*The Arab World*" in St. Pancras Town Hall, organised by the London District Council of C.E.W.C. As on other occasions recently they provided very efficient service as stewards and were highly commended from the platform.

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A party of boys was invited to attend lectures at Hampstead Library during the Hampstead Book Week, March 15th-17th.

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The Upper School Athletic Sports were held at Chase Lodge on Saturday, March 27th and the House Shield was won by Strouts.

The School Operatic Society gave three highly successful and delightful performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "*The Mikado*" in the School Hall on March 23rd, 24th and 25th under the direction of Dr. McLellan. Mr. White was the producer.

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Members of the Sixth Forms again provided stewards for the C.E.W.C. Conference held in Chelsea Town Hall on March 31st and April 1st. A. Kaulins acted efficiently as projectionist on each day for the film "*World Without End*."

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A. Beck attended the Economics Association Conference for Schools held at Ashridge from April 9th—12th.

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During the Easter holidays J. T. Farrand and V. Savarese were members of a C.E.W.C. group which visited Rome under the leadership of Mr. Campbell. The group consisted of 48 pupils from Schools in many different parts of the country.

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Mr. Dudderidge, assisted by Mr. Keevil, organised and led a highly successful canoe party of 30, which included pupils from several other Schools, up the Thames from Bisham Abbey to Wallingford and back.

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From April 26th to May 8th a party of 16 boys, accompanied by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Baber, visited Emden in N.W. Germany as guests of the High School. The visit was organised by Mr. D. W. Small, senior Modern Languages master, in conjunction with Dr. G. Brose, Headmaster of the High School in Emden, who paid us a return visit with 18 of his own boys from May 29th to June 8th. An account of these exchange visits is given elsewhere in this magazine.

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On April 29th., Cycling Proficiency Tests were carried out at the School by the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents. Fifty boys took the tests and all passed.

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Special *parents meetings* have been held on various occasions to meet the Headmaster and members of Staff for the purpose of explaining the School curriculum and discussing particular and personal problems. The Preparatory School parents were invited to Westbere Road on March 26th., the Lower School parents on May 19th., the Upper School parents on May 27th., and the parents of new boys, entering the School in September, on June 30th.

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On May 21st a party of Sixth Formers visited Aske's Hatcham Boys' School for the usual termly Sixth Form Social.

The Annual Inspection of the C.C.F. took place at the School on May 28th. The inspecting officers were Air Vice-Marshal T. N. McEvoy, C.B., C.B.E., President-elect of the Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club, Lord Moynihan, representing the Haberdashers' Company, and Cdr.(S) Prevett, O.B.E., R.N. (retd.), Clerk to the Company.

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The School Choir of 150, including 12 members of Staff, under the direction of Dr. E. A. McLellan, visited St. Alban's Cathedral on Thursday, June 10th., to sing with other Public School Choirs in a festival service arranged by the Royal School of Church Music. Mr. H. L. B. Moody acted as chief steward at the service.

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The Swimming Gala this year was held in the Seymour Hall Baths, W.1., on June 18th. The occasion was marked by a fine diving display given by members of the Highgate Swimming Club. Meadows won the House Shield for Swimming.

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The G.C.E. examinations of the Joint Board of Oxford and Cambridge Universities began at Advanced and Scholarship levels on June 21st., and at Ordinary level on July 9th.

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A party of German schoolboys from Mannheim, under their English teacher Herr Schubert, visited the School on June 24th and 30th. They were much impressed by all they saw and kindly invited a party from the School to visit them as their guests next year.

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On July 8th a number of boys and staff attended a Conference at North London Collegiate School arranged by the Student Christian Movement in Schools.

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Old Haberdashers' Day was celebrated at Chase Lodge on Saturday, July 10th., with the usual Cricket and Tennis Matches.

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On July 12th the School orchestra led by Mr. Piper and conducted by Dr. E. A. McLellan, gave its first public performance at the Livery Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers held in the Drapers' Hall in the City.

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On July 15th., the School was honoured to receive a visit from M. Robert Wieder, Secretary-General of "Le Société France-Grande Bretagne," counterpart of the Franco-British Society. He gave a lecture to members of the Sixth forms of our own and invited schools on "What French youth is thinking to-day."

COMING EVENTS

The School Tennis Team will meet Marlborough College in the 1st Round of the Youll Cup in the Public Schools' Tennis Week, commencing 1.30 p.m. at Wimbledon on July 27th.

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Mr. Dudderidge is arranging a Summer Vacation Canoe Cruise from September 4th to 12th down the River Severn from Welshpool. The party will consist of members of the School Canoe Club and their friends, totalling 32 in all.

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On Thursday, October 14th in the School Hall a Schools' Theatre group from Stuttgart will present a German version of the play "Everyman."

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A mass X-Ray unit will visit the School from December 3rd-6th.

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The School Dramatic Society will perform Ibsen's play in the School Hall on December 14th, 15th and 16th., commencing each evening at 7.30 p.m.

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The School's Carol Service and Festival of Nine Lessons will take place as usual in St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, December 18th, at 3.0 p.m.

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Autumn Term begins on Wednesday, September 22nd and ends Friday, December 17th., half-term will be on November 1st.

Spring Term begins Wednesday, January 14th., and ends Wednesday, April 18th., half-term will be on February 23rd.

Summer Term begins Wednesday, April 29th., and ends Tuesday, July 28th., half-term will be on May 25th.

Our Contemporaries

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omissions:— Albanian, Askean, Aldenham School Magazine, Bancroftian, Berkhamstedian, Brightonian, Caterham School Magazine, City of London School Magazine, Cholmleyan, Copthall County Grammar School Magazine, Edmundian, Elysian, Elizabethan, Elthamian, Exonian, Fettesian, Gaytonian, Georgian, Haberdashers' Aske's Acton School Magazine, Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Girls School Magazine, Kings' College School Magazine, Laxtonian, Latymerian, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, Monmothian, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Novaportan, Olavian, Pelican, Portcullis, St. Dunstan's College Chronicle, South Hampstead High School Magazine, Sulian, Taylorian, The Hall Magazine, The Wish Stream, Tollingtonian.

Lower School Notes

LOWER SCHOOL OFFICERS

Captain: M. C. FAIRLEY.
Vice-Captain: K. R. BARKER.
Recorder: J. W. FELTON.

<i>Societies:</i>	<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Secretary:</i>
Chess	J. H. YEOMANS	B. L. ROBINSON
Debating	D. J. SIMLER	J. M. PIKE
Natural History	D. RIDGE	J. W. FELTON
Stamps	S. LAMB	S. LAMB

<i>Junior House Captains:</i>			
Calverts:	K. R. BARKER	Meadows:	M. C. FAIRLEY
Hendersons:	G. E. F. STRANGE	Russells	J. W. FELTON
Joblings:	N. C. GRAY	Strouts:	R. J. GRAYSON

New Year began with the Lower School Christmas party—postponed owing to pressure of School functions in December. We had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Taylor, Mr. Lewin and Mr. Manning, and the two Head Boys of the Preparatory School—A. M. May and D. Baker. After tea, two new appointments were made: K. R. Barker as Lower School Vice-Captain, and J. W. Felton as Recorder. These, with the Captain, M. C. Fairley, were presented to the Headmaster. After an interval two films were shown in the Hall, followed by a topical entertainment by Mr. Ricci and his 2b “Inkspots,” and by a series of songs by Mr. Browning’s German choir. An evening which was generally much enjoyed ended with another film.

Rugby was badly hit by the weather in the Spring term, but we were able to have a number of cross-country runs, in which the following boys—in the order given—did best: Mondays: G. E. F. Strange, R. H. S. Cattle, M. Anderson, B. L. Harrison, Thursdays: R. M. Simons, R. I. Rogers, P. Mitchenere, M. A. Smith.

We lost our boxing matches against the City of London School, Wimbledon College, and Colet Court, though the team acquitted themselves honourably in the contests. The L. S. Boxing Captain, G. E. F. Strange had the honour of boxing for the School against Monmouth, St. Paul’s and Brighton, and in each case, won his fight. On March 9th boxing Colours were presented to G. E. F. Strange (re-awarded), A. Brown, L. W. Hart, J. Littlewood, D. A. Sutcliffe, M. R. Trevelyan, and S. O. Whittam.

On March 25th, we all went to see the film “Julius Caesar,” which, like the “Mount Everest” film earlier, was well worth seeing. Between the deluges of June 10th nearly half of the Lower School went to St. Albans and formed part of the Royal School of Church Music Choir which sang Evensong in the Cathedral. On June 21st, 250 of us went by train to Derby, for an enjoyable

and illuminating tour of the locomotive works.

School Charity collections in the Autumn term totalled £35 3s. 7d. (2s £6 13s. 0d.; 1c £5 5s. 5d.); and in the Spring £24 12s. 10d. (2s £6 2s. 1d.; 3a £5 6s. 2d.). In the earlier term the record for fewest detentions was held by 1a (0), followed by 3a and 1b (2 each); and in the Spring by 3s (3), with 2s and 1a scoring 6 each. Russells again won the L. S. House Competition in March, with Strouts and Hendersons following.

LOWER SCHOOL COMPETITION: SPRING 1954

MINUS POINTS				C	H	J	M	R	S
Detentions	.....	.....	.....	54	51	36	54	54	45
Lates	.....	.....	.....	14	13	8	7	10	8
Total <i>Minus</i>				68	64	44	61	64	53
PLUS POINTS									
E. G. B. Work	.....	.....	.....	650	770	390	600	860	720
Duties, etc.	.....	.....	.....	115	50	20	182	159	84
Total <i>Plus</i>				765	820	410	782	1,019	804
Less <i>Minus</i>	.....	.....	.....	68	64	44	61	64	53
NETT POINTS									
No. in House	.....	.....	.....	46	46	46	48	46	45
POINTS PER HEAD									
ORDER	.....	.....	.....	4th	3rd	6th	5th	1st	2nd
1. RUSSELLS				2. STROUTS			3. HENDERSONS		
4. CALVERTS				5. MEADOWS			6. JOBLINGS		

LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

The Spring Term's attendances were good, but as the Lower School Chess Club only meets once a week in the Summer Term, the attendances have dropped. The Club has continued to teach and improve beginners, and on the whole the standard of play is rising.

An individual knockout tournament was run in the Spring Term, the winner of which was J. H. Yeomans, who beat P. A. Levi in the final, the other semi-finalists being H. D. Travers and B. L. Robinson.

The House Tournament has been finished using four boys from each of the six Houses.

After fierce opposition the winners were Meadows with 14½ points.

Mr. Welbourne is trying to arrange some matches this term against other Schools. An Ex-Prep team played the Preparatory School and lost by 2½ points to 3½ points.

Altogether this has been a very satisfactory term for the Club and we owe much of our success to the hard work and care of Mr. Welbourne.

J. H. YEOMANS, 3b, (*Chess Captain*) ; B. L. ROBINSON 3a,
(*Vice-Captain*).

THE LOWER SCHOOL LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Society, D. Simler was elected Chairman, and J. M. Pike Secretary for the ensuing year, also a committee of three.

The members number about forty, and it is hoped that more members of the Third Form will patronise our Society.

The Society meets fortnightly and apart from the customary debates a paper on Flying Saucers was delivered by D. G. Wilson, and a session of "Any Questions?" held to which many interesting and amusing replies were received.

The Society debated the motions "This House believes that Games should not be made compulsory at School," and "This House believes that Sponsored Television should be adopted in this country."

Our future plans include debates ranging from subjects such as School Dinners to Boxing.

J. M. PIKE, *Hon. Sec.*

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The above Society has had regular meetings all through the term, and a number of interesting papers have been read. These have included addresses by D. A. Davidson on "Butterflies," M. A. Hollington on the "Larger Mammals," and F. J. G. Richards on "Planets." Other speakers were D. Ridge on "Collecting Insects," J. N. Foden on "Animals of the New World," G. J. B. Benfield on "Starting a Tropical Fish Tank" and D. J. Heasman on "Some British Reptiles." By the kindness of Mr. Cooper, our President, a very enjoyable film show was seen, which consisted of two films, one on rounding up wild elephants and the other a sports parade showing views of animals in the African reserves. Altogether a most instructive term!

In the Summer Term, the first meeting was a business one and it was decided to have weekly meetings. It was fixed that the annual outing should be to Whipsnade with a ramble on the Chilterns. Other meetings included lectures by R. L. Stonhold on "Budgerigars," M. A. Hollington on "Dogs," D. J. Heasman on "Animals of the Sea-shore" and the annual outing itself, which, in spite of the weather, was much enjoyed by all who went.

J. W. FELTON.

EXCURSION TO DERBY RAILWAY WORKS

On June 21st the Lower School went on an excursion to Derby Railway Works. We came to School at the usual time, and after twenty minutes of first period we assembled on the parade ground. Then we moved off in forms, accompanied by several masters, to Cricklewood Station, where a special train

was stopped for us. There was a buffet car on the train, and that was frequented on both journeys by boys and masters requiring tea, pop, ice-cream and the like. Derby was reached at three minutes past two, and there we were split up into small groups, each group being allotted a guide to take us round.

We passed through a lot of shops, some dealing with wheels others with reconditioning old boilers. One of the last shops visited was the paint shop where engines of all types and sizes were seen in process of being painted. There were two old engines at the end of the shop repainted in the M.R. crimson; and these were duly inspected by the boys. Outside the paint shop was an experimental diesel, No. 10100, which is the only one of its type in the world. After passing through another shop, we went on to the Works Canteen, where we had tea. When this had been consumed we caught the train back to Cricklewood, where we dispersed for home, having had an enjoyable day, during which engine-number enthusiasts achieved record scores.

I. DUNN, 3s.

Swans

I stood on the bridge one Autumn morning
Looking thoughtfully into the mist;
Out of the grey two swans came gliding,
Snow white feathers and yellow beaks.
They passed beneath me under the bridge,
Then one more glimpse before they vanished;
With hardly a ripple into the mist
Softly, slowly they glided away.

J. LITTLEWOOD, 2b.

Cliffs

Serene and high they stand above the sea,
Their powdery whiteness dazzling in the heat;
Along the top the grass grows coarse and green,
Below, the sea rolls with a rhythmic beat.
The seagulls circle high up in the blue,
The mid-day sun shines on their gleaming breasts,
When the peaceful scene is rudely interrupted—
Invading crows swoop down to rob their nests.

J. LITTLEWOOD, 2b.

Preparatory School Notes

We welcomed Miss E. M. Jagoe and some thirty new boys to the Preparatory School at the beginning of the Autumn Term, and very soon everybody had settled down to a busy term. For the upper forms there was much important work to be done in preparation for the main school entrance examination in the following February. In addition, there were House and School football

matches to be played, and a variety of out-of-school activities to be pursued. The entrance examination for new boys in September, 1954, was held in October and November.

During the term, two junior forms were able to visit a puppet exhibition in town, doubtless still further stimulating the interest in puppetry which was so marked last year. The two senior forms attended a lecture on New Zealand in Mill Hill Library, which evidently proved so attractive to one boy in Form VII that he has since emigrated! On December 4th, the whole School attended a showing of the film of Mount Everest, at the Lido cinema, Golders Green, which was greatly enjoyed. On December 11th a large congregation of parents and friends attended the annual carol service at St. Michael's Church. The term ended with a most enjoyable Christmas party at which we were very glad to welcome nearly all the boys who had gone up to the Lower School the previous term.

R. A. L.

The main feature of the Spring Term was the absence of Mr. Lewin, who was enjoying a well-earned Sabbatical Term. Fortunately, as he very kindly paid us fairly frequent visits, we did not lose touch with him entirely. During his absence we were very fortunate to have with us as a temporary member of the staff Miss P. A. Mostyn. We hope she enjoyed her short time at the Preparatory School as much as we enjoyed having her.

Despite the appalling weather we were able to complete another successful football season, during which we won 12 matches out of 18. Of the five that we lost, two were to older sides. The team, all of whom were re-awarded or awarded colours, was as follows:—Handscombe, V. O., Twissell, N. B., May, A. M., Chin, L., Rees, G. E., Tinker, M. J. J., Sobin, A. L., Felton, D. J., Williams, J. A., (Captain), Haslehurst, R. E., Allen, N. G., They are to be congratulated on a very creditable performance. Full results:—

1953

October 14th	v.	Belmont (A)	Won	1—0
October 23rd	v.	Wellington School (H)	Won	6—0
October 26th	v.	Lochinver House School (A)	Won	8—0
November 4th	v.	Royal Masonic School (A)	Lost	2—4
November 6th	v.	Hendon Preparatory School (H)	Won	2—1
November 11th	v.	Dulwich College Prep. School (A)	Lost	2—3
November 20th	v.	Lochinver House School (H)	Won	7—1
November 23rd	v.	Hendon Preparatory School (A)	Won	5—0
November 27th	v.	Belmont School (H)	Won	3—0
December 2nd	v.	Royal Masonic School (H)	Drawn	4—4
December 9th	v.	Wellington School (A)	Won	2—1
December 10th	v.	Lower School Ex-Prep.	Lost	3—6

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February 5th	v.	Lochinver House School (H)	Won	3—0
February 12th	v.	Belmont (H)	Won	7—0
March 5th	v.	Dulwich College Prep. School (H)	Lost	2—8
March 19th	v.	Lochinver House School (A)	Lost	1—2
March 22nd	v.	Belmont (A)	Won	6—0
March 26th	v.	Wellington School (H)	Won	7—0

Played 18, Won 12, Drawn 1, Lost 5, Goals For 71, Against 30.

The inter-House football cup was won by St. George's. In the other inter-House competitions St. George's won the P.T. Cup and St. Patrick's the Boxing and Cross-Country Cups. In the latter N. G. Allen and C. L. Burgess were the winners of the senior and junior races respectively.

In conjunction with the Lower School we were able to arrange boxing matches against Dulwich College Preparatory School and Tiffins School. In the former we won a very close contest by 7 bouts to 6, while we lost the latter to a more experienced team by 2 bouts to 8. Among the Lower School boys we were very pleased to welcome our old friends Mitchenere, Harris, M. A., and Kaye.

We also played our first Chess match against a Lower School team in which we were successful by a very close margin— $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wellbourne for acting as adjudicator.

Early in the term Mr. Lewin, Mr. Manning, May and Baker were very kindly invited by Mr. Cooper to the Lower School party, which was much enjoyed by all.

Several form outings took place during the term. Forms VII and VI, in parties of 13, paid very instructive and enjoyable visits to the *Star*, *News* and *Standard* newspaper offices respectively. We are very grateful to all those who made this possible. Form V went to the London Museum and Forms IV and III to Kew Gardens. The three top forms also attended a performance of Julius Caesar, at the Ritz Cinema, Edgware.

The Entrance Examination for the Main School took place on March 12th. Of the 35 boys who sat the examinations 34 were successful—a very satisfactory and creditable performance.

The annual Parents' Meeting, which was held on March 26th, was very well attended.

The usual end of term plays were performed, and were much appreciated. Some useful talent was discovered, which augurs well for the future.

Charity collections for the term amounted to £19, bringing the total to date to £45. Our thanks are due to all of you for your very generous contributions.

The competition for the House Shield is being closely contended. By the end of the term St. George's held a comparatively small lead over St. Patrick's, with St. David's about the same margin away 3rd.

R. J. M.

Rugby Football, 1953-1954

Under the most competent and inspiring leadership of H. E. Couch, ably seconded by J. T. Farrand, the First XV has this season covered itself with glory. To a man the members of the team have consistently given of their best; the forwards have been lively in the loose, quick both to back up and to cover; the backs have taken their chances and produced most attractive passing movements; and to turn the many tries scored into goals there has been the powerful kicking of M. Cleveland. Rarely in fact has there been a First XV more teachable, with each member playing so consciously as one of a team.

In Wednesday practices the Second XV have offered the Firsts really doughty opposition which has made the task of coaching easier, and they are to be congratulated on a season of creditable play, even though their record lacks the brilliance of that of their predecessors in recent years. Against a strong Old Haberdashers' Extra "A" they played plucky skilful football, under heavy and difficult conditions, which was characteristic of their performance throughout the season. A fair number of boys in the team can expect to find a place in the First XV next season, if their progress continues.

Amongst the Third XV, too, there are several players of dash and ability who will be claimants for promotion in the autumn. Whether their places will be filled by new recruits from the Colts XV would seem to be doubtful, but happily the match record of the Colts XV belies the promise shown by most of the members of that team. Once these boys acquire the requisite experience and confidence they will, almost certainly, make a most important contribution to the maintenance of the high standard set by the present First XV. To take their place, too, other young players will shortly be coming into the Middle School from junior forms, the better footballers for having taken part in matches arranged for their benefit against Emanuel and St. Benedict's Schools and against Dulwich College.

Our thanks are due as always to Mr. Crossman for the smoothness with which he has made everything work for us, and to colleagues on the Staff who have as usual rallied generously to our help by refereeing, and escorting teams on away matches. Parents can also rest assured of our appreciation of their support on the touch-line, and it has been an added pleasure for us this season to see Old Boys regularly at Chase Lodge. For the convenience of all a list of next year's First XV fixtures is appended, and we look forward with zest to another enjoyable and successful season of Rugger in due course.

W. F. B.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

With eight of last year's team returning prospects for the First XV were bright, and after several practice games the team began confidently with a good win against Royal Masonic School. The success of the side continued throughout the season, and even in its one defeat it was not outplayed until late in the second half. Although many of the victories were won easily, some required every effort by each individual of the team, and it was indeed encouraging to see a School First XV, after being a try or more down, fighting back to win. The eight forwards combined and played as a pack, and not as individuals, and it was this fact, more than any other, that was the secret of the team's success.

I should like to record at this point that as captain I have been extremely fortunate in having players who have worked together so well as a team both on and off the field, and the wonderful spirit and enthusiasm with which every member of the side entered each game, won many matches against strong opponents.

It is difficult to comment on particular players, but M. Cleveland for his hard running and excellent place kicking, and J. J. Hanson for his resourceful play, are worthy of mention. Of the forwards the most consistently reliable were J. J. Farrand and N. A. Fuller.

The Second XV, despite their less impressive record, should provide several useful players next year, and the Third XV also. The Colts XV, for the first time for many seasons have had a disappointing record, but since many of the players are young and inexperienced, it does not necessarily augur badly for the future.

I should now like to extend my hearty thanks to Mr. Barling and all other members of the Staff, especially Mr. Crossman, who have done so much for us, and shown such consistent and enthusiastic interest; to Mr. Galley for his calm efficiency in maintaining our excellent ground; to all supporters, chief among them Mr. Ricci, the School's American master, who has been unfailing in his support; and finally to J. T. Farrand, who has been an able and pleasant vice-captain, together with A. J. Pangalos, our assistant secretary.

Finally, I wish all School teams success for next season, and for the many seasons to come.

H. E. COUCH.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

- H. E. COUCH (*Captain*)—A tireless back-row forward, a devastating tackler, and an inspiring team leader, with a sound knowledge of the game and its tactics.
J. T. FARRAND (*Vice-Captain*)—A shrewd and very successful hooker, always well placed in passing movements and dribbles, and sound in defence.
A. BATE—An industrious front-row forward, combining well with the rest of the team and useful in the line-out.

- G. A. BUTLER—A newcomer to the wing three-quarters position who runs well and is acquiring positional sense. He needs to improve his defence.
- M. L. CLEVELAND—A speedy three-quarter, difficult to stop when in full career, and a sound place kicker. Chief point scorer for the side.
- J. B. DAVIES—A speedy and determined wing three-quarter, who makes the most of his chances and has served the side well.
- N. A. FULLER—A hard working forward, active in the loose, and a tower of strength in line-out work. He tackles with great resolution.
- J. J. HANSON—A tough and intelligent scrum-half with an eye for an opening and a hard, safe tackle in defence.
- R. M. KIPPS—A light but agile back-row forward, sound in defence and enterprising in loose rushes.
- W. D. M. OETERS—A thrustful centre, with a good tactical kick. His handling and tackling could improve.
- A. J. PANGALOS—A reliable blind-side wing forward who has done stalwart work throughout the season.
- A. J. PETTET—An elusive, competent, but erratic fly-half, who kicks intelligently both in attack and defence.
- T. A. ROBBINS—An energetic and powerful forward, eager to enter the fray. He tackles devastatingly, but does not always push in the loose scrum.
- M. SARNER—An elusive, but erratic, attacking player, much handicapped by injury. At times he can play brilliantly.
- B. L. WALDMAN—An experienced and promising full-back, but lack of speed and positional sense have marred his play on occasions.
- B. R. WOOD—A tireless and valuable forward, somewhat erratic. A most energetic tackler.
- M. J. Bragg and G. D. Rogers were useful reserves for the First XV. M. L. Cleveland, H. E. Couch, J. T. Farrand, N. A. Fuller and J. J. Hanson were selected for the Middlesex Schools Trial game, and N. A. Fuller represented Middlesex in the match against Eastern Counties.

MATCH ACCOUNTS

Saturday, 3rd October, 1953 v Royal Masonic School (Home) Result: Won.
 School: (2 goals, 7 tries, 1 penalty goal) 34 pts.—R.M.S. 0 pts.

Although the School were not playing their best at first, by half-time they led by 13 points, thanks to good backing up by J. T. Farrand and two opportunist tries by M. Sarner. Two of the tries were converted by M. L. Cleveland.

In the second half the School outplayed their opponents both forward and back. Through five combined movements tries were gained by M. Sarner (2), M. L. Cleveland (2), J. T. Farrand and N. A. Fuller. A fine penalty kick by M. L. Cleveland completed the scoring.

Team: B. L. Waldman; M. L. Cleveland; W. D. M. Oeters; M. Sarner; J. B. Davies; A. J. Pettet; J. J. Hanson; A. Bate; J. T. Farrand; N. A. Fuller; M. J. Bragg; T. A. Robbins; A. J. Pangalos; R. M. Kipps; H. E. Couch.

Wednesday, 7th October, v Bedford Modern School (Home) Result: Won.
 School (1 goal, 2 tries) 11 pts.—B.M.S. (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.

Although a penalty goal down in the first half the School rallied well, convincingly beating a team with a somewhat heavier pack. Play in the first half was scrappy on both sides, some good kicking proving ineffectual in the face of a safe full-back on the Bedford side. In the second half a fine movement ended with W. D. M. Oeters cutting in to hand the ball to M. L. Cleveland who scored in the corner. Other tries were scored by J. J. Hanson and R. M. Kipps, the standard of play being infinitely better than in the first half. M. L. Cleveland kicked very accurately, though converting only one try.

Team: B. S. Wood for M. J. Bragg.

Saturday, 10th October v Queen Elizabeth's G. S. (Away) Result: Drawn.
School: (1 try) 3pts.—Q.E.G.C. (1 try) 3 pts.

Much ineffective play by the School left them three points in arrears at half-time. After the interval the side recovered its fire, and after some menacing rushes by the forwards and sound tactical kicking by the backs T. Robbins broke away from a loose scrum to equalise in the corner. From then until the end the School pinned the home side down but failed to break through for a further score.

Team: G. Rogers for M. Sarnier (injured).

Saturday, 17th October, v St. Dunstan's College (Away) Result: Won.
School: (1 goal) 5 pts.—St. Dunstan's (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.

The game was evenly contested throughout under wet and slippery conditions, J. T. Farrand as hooker helping to offset the greater weight of the St. Dunstan's pack. A good three-quarter movement allowed M. Cleveland to score, and then convert, a try which gave the School a lead at half-time. This was reduced to two points after the interval, an easy penalty goal being conceded to the home side. Thereafter the School played with real dash, causing St. Dunstan's much trouble and concern, though without a try being scored.

Team: M. Sarnier for G. Rogers, M. J. Bragg for A. Bate (ill).

Wednesday, 21st October v Adam's Grammar School (Home) Result: Won.
School (1 penalty goal, 2 goals, 1 try) 16 pts.—Adams' School (1 dropped goal,) 3 pts.

The backs, by poor handling and positioning, failed to exploit sufficiently the fine work of the pack, and the domination established should have resulted in a much higher score. M. Cleveland opened the scoring with an easy penalty between the posts, and converted two of the tries scored respectively by A. J. Pettet, W. D. M. Oeters and J. T. Farrand. The only score by the visitors was a fine dropped goal by their inside centre.

Team: A. Bate for M. J. Bragg.

Saturday, 24th October, v R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton (Home) Result: Won.
School (2 penalty goals, 4 tries) 18 pts.—Halton (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.

In this fast moving, bustling game the backs played sparkling football. M. Cleveland opened the score with a penalty kick, and combined well with M. Sarnier on the wing. J. B. Davies played excellently on the other wing and scored two fine tries. Two good opportunist tries were also scored by A. J. Pettet and T. A. Robbins. Halton's sole reply was a penalty goal.

Team: Unchanged.

Wednesday, 4th November, v City of London School (Home) Result: Won.
School (1 goal, 3 tries, 1 penalty goal) 17 pts.—C.L.S. (1 goal, 2 penalty goals) 11 pts.

The score ill reflected the preponderance of the School who gained all their points as a result of sterling movements in which the backs shone. A. J. Pettet opened the scoring with a neat burst through. M. Cleveland added the goal points and soon after kicked a penalty goal. The visitors replied with another penalty goal but this was promptly cancelled by a fine run for the corner by J. B. Davies. Pressure was maintained in the second half, and despite a snap try by the City of London the issue was sealed by further tries by J. J. Hanson, T. A. Robbins and W. D. M. Oeters.

Team: G. A. Butler for M. Sarnier (injured).

Saturday, 7th November, v Bancroft's School (Home) Result: Won.
School (4 tries) 12 pts.—Bancroft's (2 tries) 6 pts.

With M. Cleveland injured and A. J. Pangalos acting as stop-gap in the centre, the School did well to beat a good team in a fast and exciting game. The pack worked hard, and when Bancroft's had scored, H. E. Couch broke away from a five yard scrum to equalise. Bancroft's again took the lead after the interval, but J. B. Davies, snapping up a loose ball, restored the situation soon after. The School pressure mounted and combined movements produced tries by T. A. Robbins and A. J. Pettet which gave the side a well deserved victory.

Team: M. J. Bragg for M. Cleveland (injured).

Saturday, 14th November, v St. Albans School (Home) Result: Won.

School (2 goals, 1 try) 13 pts.—St. Alban's 0 pts.

Fast skilful play by both sides prevented any scoring in the first half. After the interval the School increased its pressure and a fine combined movement by A. J. Pettet and W. D. M. Oeters soon brought a score. M. Cleveland converted. Further tries, the second being also converted by Cleveland, followed opportunist moves by A. J. Pangalos and J. J. Hanson. St. Albans came back but failed to pierce the School's defence.

Team: M. Cleveland for M. J. Bragg.

Wednesday, 18th November, v St. George's, Harpenden (Home) Result: Won.

School (6 tries, 5 goals, 3 penalty goals) 52 pts.—St. George's 0 pts.

The visitors, a young and light side handicapped by injuries in the course of the match, were heavily beaten by the First XV, which played most attractive football. Tries were scored by G. A. Butler (3), J. B. Davies (2), A. J. Pangalos (2), J. J. Hanson, W. D. M. Oeters, and T. A. Robbins. A penalty goal was added by B. L. Waldman. M. Cleveland excelled himself by scoring a try and kicking two penalty goals besides converting five of the tries—an individual total of nineteen points.

Team: Unchanged.

Saturday, 21st November, v Emanuel School (Away) Result: Lost.

School (1 penalty goal, 1 goal) 8 pts.—Emanuel (2 goals, 5 tries) 25 pts.

A most thrilling and hard fought match. A snap try by Emanuel opened the scoring but a very fine penalty goal by M. Cleveland restored the balance. Emanuel once more took the lead, but, fighting back gallantly, the School led 8-6 by half-time; A. J. Pettet having pierced the home defence by a neat solo run.

The second half brought the School disaster. J. B. Davies was incapacitated by concussion, W. D. M. Oeters by a pulled muscle and M. Cleveland by a severe injury to his leg. The gaps left in the defence allowed Emanuel to score with relative ease in the concluding minutes and achieve a total which suggested, somewhat misleadingly, an absolute domination.

Team: Unchanged.

Saturday, 28th November, v Berkhamstead School (Away) Result: Won.

School (1 try) 3 pts.—Berkhamstead 0 pts.

The entire side lacked the fire of the previous week, and after a neat dash for the line by J. J. Hanson in the opening minutes failed to score any further. Not till the closing minutes did the side really bestir itself, but even then all to no purpose.

Team: G. Rogers for M. Cleveland (injured) M. Sarnier for W. D. M. Oeters (injured).

Saturday, 5th December, v Old Haberdashers' "A" (Home) Result: Drawn.

School (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.—O. H. (1 try) 3 pts.

Under heavy and trying conditions which gave little scope for back play the School extended the Old Boys to the utmost. The packs matched each other well, the speed of the School forwards offsetting their lack of weight. Once or twice fine bouts of passing by the School narrowly failed to bring tries, but by half-time the School were in the lead through a skilful penalty kick by M. Cleveland.

In the second half the School forwards engaged in fierce concerted dribbles which sorely taxed the O.H. defence, and it was much against the run of the play that the O. H. snatched a try to equalise in the closing minutes.

Team: M. Cleveland for M. Sarnier W. D. M. Oeters for G. Rogers.

Saturday, 12th December, v Eltham College (Away) Result: Won.

School (2 tries) 6 pts.—Eltham (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.

Combination was the secret of the School's success, and two good tries resulted in the first half. They were scored by A. J. Pangalos and J. B. Davies. Eltham rarely looked like scoring but narrowed the School's lead with a 35-yard penalty kick in the second half. Strenuous efforts by both forwards and backs failed to increase the School's lead, but they were clearly masters of their rivals.

Team: Unchanged.

Saturday, 19th December, v Monmouth School (Home) Result: Drawn.

In a very even game the First XV failed to find its match-winning form. The pack dominated in the line-out, but met its match in the set and loose scrums. The Monmouth full-back countered many tactical moves, and the School defence was taxed several times by the visitors' counter moves. Once, an astute drop-kick, by the visiting full-back, nearly snatched victory for them, but at the close honours were even, and an enjoyable game had been played, despite the absence of scoring.

Team: Unchanged.

SECOND XV

Although the record is not quite so impressive as that of recent seasons, there can be no real complaint against the performance of the Second XV. Out of eleven matches played, six have been won, four lost and one drawn.

Though not always burning brightly, there has been considerable fire in the team, as was particularly evident in the very robust struggle against Emanuel School when every member of the team played above himself.

The side was very ably and intelligently captained by M. F. Neale who, at the position of scrum-half, soon proved himself to be a very gallant player indeed. His only fault, which sometimes led to a loss of scoring chances, was his habit of holding on to the ball for too long. This was probably not from any distrust of his back division but too great a confidence in himself.

The back division generally was not only efficient but also quite thrustful in attack. In defence, with perhaps one exception, the tackling was extremely effective. It is difficult to select players for special mention but the almost fanatically strong running of R. S. Handscombe and the courageous enterprise of N. D. Geer at fly-half were always noticeable.

M. S. White was generally quite sound at full-back and rarely seriously in trouble.

The forwards generally were more than a match for most of their opponents. They were set a magnificent energetic example by M. J. Bragg who led them.

Particularly prominent in games were the sound and intelligent vigour of D. J. McLaren, and the very useful skirmishing powers of D. Matear who never seemed to tire.

On the whole, the forwards were up with the game far more than their opponents and apart from perhaps one individual's tackling weakness were a powerful unit in defence and attack, especially the latter, where some magnificent dribbling and backing-up of the threequarters were often to be seen.

Therefore, it is quite reasonable to claim on the playing performance of this side that it has been, in spite of its slightly less impressive record, not so much a Second XV, as an Extra First XV.

T. E. C.

THIRD XV

The results indicate a relatively successful season, but I feel that, with a lot more dash from the pack, more matches could have been won.

The pack often lacked cohesion, especially in the loose scrummage, where they failed to bind and get over the ball, or even to decide whether to take or get the ball back. However, L. J. Clark, A. S. Hudson and D. A. Wildman did show spirit in the loose and N. J. P. Readman and M. Miller put in some hard slogging.

The outsides were handicapped by continual changes. Those who played regularly together, the halves R. F. White and B. D. Horne, and R. J. Pannell in the centre, improved in understanding and all round ability; K. F. Banham at full-back developed steadily through the season.

N. J. P. Readman, as captain and leader of the pack, elicited, with magisterial calm, a measure of response from what was, after all, because of illness, injury and the demands of the Second XV, a band of irregulars. All appeared to enjoy the matches.

J. G. W.

COLTS (Under 15) XV

The Colts had a most disappointing season. This is a traditional way of describing complete failure, but the epithet is more than usually accurate as there was a deal of talent in the team and some good football was played.

It is significant of their one disastrous weakness that, almost without exception, the half-time scores declared—and rightly—a tight game. In all the games they began by showing skill and commanding respect—but by half-time their opponents had sensed that they lacked the one essential: spirit. The results were inevitable.

The pack showed a fair grasp of the fundamentals but were never devastating, either taking or tackling. M. J. Sanders and A. E. Fuller at wing-forward showed a good deal of promise but the "beef" in the pack was always strangely hesitant and D. G. Wilson was, perhaps, too diffident a leader.

Outside, N. Healey played steadily at scrum-half, D. Goldman was a thrustful centre (on whom the others depended too much) and towards the end of the season, G. M. Charlesworth showed a fine determination. I. G. Boon's main defect was his size—he played some good football.

If there had not been that momentary hesitation—before tackling, before scrumming, before breaking through—the lack of that drive which is the essential winning factor, the results might have been different.

W. A. N.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

1953				Points		Result
				F.	A.	
FIRST XV						
Oct.	3	v.	Royal Masonic School	34	0	Won
Oct.	7	v.	Bedford Modern School	11	3	Won
Oct.	10	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	3	3	Drawn
Oct.	17	v.	St. Dunstan's College	5	3	Won
Oct.	21	v.	Haberdashers' Adam's School, Newport	16	3	Won
Oct.	24	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	18	3	Won
Nov.	4	v.	City of London School	17	11	Won
Nov.	7	v.	Bancroft's School	12	6	Won
Nov.	14	v.	St. Alban's School	13	0	Won
Nov.	18	v.	St. George's, Harpenden	52	0	Won
Nov.	21	v.	Emanuel School.....	8	25	Lost
Nov.	28	v.	Berkhamstead School	3	0	Won
Dec.	5	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	3	3	Drawn
Dec.	12	v.	Eltham College	6	3	Won
Dec.	19	v.	Monmouth School	0	0	Drawn

SECOND XV						
Oct.	3	v.	Royal Masonic School	10	26	Lost
Oct.	7	v.	Bedford Modern School	6	3	Won
Oct.	10	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	30	8	Won
Oct.	17	v.	St. Dunstan's College	6	9	Lost
Nov.	4	v.	City of London School	3	9	Lost
Nov.	7	v.	Bancroft's School	3	0	Won
Nov.	14	v.	St. Alban's School	9	9	Drawn
Nov.	21	v.	Emanuel School.....	13	6	Won
Nov.	28	v.	Berkhamstead School	17	0	Won
Dec.	5	v.	Old Haberdashers' "Ex. A" XV	0	19	Lost
Dec.	12	v.	Eltham College	19	0	Won

THIRD XV						
Oct.	3	v.	Royal Masonic School	30	6	Won
Oct.	10	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	3	26	Lost
Oct.	17	v.	St. Dunstan's College	3	6	Lost
Nov.	7	v.	Bancroft's School	25	0	Won
Nov.	14	v.	St. Alban's School	0	11	Lost
Nov.	21	v.	Emanuel School.....	11	11	Drawn
Nov.	28	v.	Berkhamstead School	19	0	Won
Dec.	12	v.	Eltham College	6	3	Won

COLTS XV						
Oct.	3	v.	Royal Masonic School	0	14	Lost
Oct.	10	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	8	17	Lost
Oct.	17	v.	St. Dunstan's College	0	28	Lost
Nov.	7	v.	Bancroft's School	3	11	Lost
Nov.	14	v.	St. Alban's School	8	9	Lost
Nov.	21	v.	Emanuel School.....	6	23	Lost
Nov.	28	v.	Berkhamstead School	3	14	Lost

ANALYSIS						
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	15	11	1	3	201	63
2nd XV	11	6	4	1	116	89
3rd XV	8	4	3	1	97	63
Colts XV	7	—	7	—	28	116

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XV

††B. L. Waldman
 †Butler, G. A.
 †Sarner, M.
 *Cleveland, M. L.
 *Oeters, W. D. M.
 *Davies, J. B.
 †Pettet, A. J.
 *Hanson, J. J.
 Bate, A.
 *Farrand, J. T.
 Wood, B. R.
 *Robbins, T. A.
 *Fuller, N. A.
 *Pangalos, A. J.
 Kipps, R. M.
 *Couch, H. E. (Capt.)
 *Denotes First XV Colours.

SECOND XV

†White, M. S.
 †Handscombe, R. S.
 †Mercer, J. S.
 †Purchase, H. G.
 †Rogers, G. H.
 †Kent, F. J.
 †Geer, N. D.
 †Neale, M. F. (Capt.)
 †Robinson, M. J.
 †Aust, S. B.
 ††Bragg, M. J.
 †McInnes, E. O. K.
 †Mansbridge, B. G. L.
 †Matear, D.
 †Mann, R. G.
 †McLaren, D. J.
 †Denotes First XXX Colours

THIRD XV

Sholl, J. K.
 Banham, K. F.
 Pannell, R. J.
 Horrocks, H. J.
 Collins, M. T.
 Horne, B. D.
 White, R. F.
 Walker, J. G.
 Hudson, A. S.
 Clark, L. J.
 Readman, N. J. P. (Capt.)
 Bishop, C. M.
 Miller, M.
 Wildman, D. A.
 Mann, R. G.
 Ward, D. J. L.

COLTS XV

Willment, G. J. A.
 Redington, J. W.
 Mercer, D. B.
 ‡Boon, I. G.
 Charlesworth, G. M.
 Goldman, D.
 ‡Hunt, M. R.
 ‡Healey N. (Capt.)
 Readman, A. C. M.
 Leverton, R. F.
 Egan, P. J.
 Scofield, I. D.
 Dorman, A. P.
 ‡Fuller, A. E.
 ‡Wilson, D. G.
 ‡Sanders, M. J.

‡ Denotes Colts Colours.

FIRST XV FIXTURES, 1954

Saturday, 2nd October	v.	Royal Masonic School	<i>Away</i>
Wednesday, 6th October	v.	Bedford Modern School.	<i>Away</i>
Saturday, 9th October	v.	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.	<i>Home</i>
Saturday, 16th October	v.	St. Dunstan's College.	<i>Home</i>
Saturday, 30th October	v.	City of London School.	<i>Away</i>
Saturday, 6th November	v.	Bancroft's School.	<i>Away</i>
Saturday, 13th November	v.	St. Alban's School.	<i>Away</i>
Wednesday, 17th November	v.	St. George's School.	<i>Away</i>
Saturday, 20th November	v.	Emanuel School.	<i>Home</i>
Saturday, 27th November	v.	Berkhamstead School.	<i>Home</i>
Saturday, 4th December	v.	Old Haberdashers', "A".	<i>Home</i>
Saturday, 11th December	v.	Eltham College.	<i>Home</i>
Saturday, 18th December	v.	Monmouth School.	<i>Away</i>

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

The School was represented by J. B. Davies, M. L. Cleveland, T. A. Robbins, J. J. Hanson, H. E. Couch (Captain), J. T. Farrand, and N. A. Fuller.

Wednesday, March, 31st.

PRELIMINARY ROUND. Won: Haberdashers' 8 pts. (1 goal, 1 try.) *v* Epsom 3 pts. (1 try).

The School seven took a long time to settle down and in the first half they were defending continuously. Epsom took the lead with a fine blind-side movement, but the try was unconverted. In the second half the School fought back but without effect until ten minutes from the end, when J. J. Hanson equalised with a blind-side break away. T. A. Robbins gave the School the lead with a run from the School's 25-yd. line, scoring in the centre. M. Cleveland easily converted to make the score 8-5. On the whole the School did not do themselves justice in this game, the play being rather scrappy.

FIRST ROUND. Won: Haberdashers' 17 pts. (1 goal, 4 tries), Culford 0.

In this game, despite driving wind and rain throughout most of the match, the School excelled itself, playing fast and open rugby that was a delight to watch and couldn't fail to bring the tries. The first three tries were all scored by J. J. Hanson. After continual pressure in each case, Hanson broke round the scrum on the blind-side evading all attempts to stop him reaching the line. Further pressure ended in a loose scrum, the ball was rolling loose when H. E. Couch picked up and then ran through the Culford defence to increase the School's lead. J. B. Davies scored the final try of the match. A quick pass from the scrum gave him room to move and by clever change of speed, combined with a tricky swerve, he passed his man and touched down shortly before full time. Mention should be made here of the extremely good backing up by the forwards and the successful hooking of J. T. Farrand.

SECOND ROUND. Won: Haberdashers' 6 pts. (2 tries) *v* Cranleigh 3 pts. (1 try).

Haberdashers' scored first when J. B. Davies cleverly intercepted and outpaced the opposition to score on the wing. Cranleigh, who had beaten King's, Taunton, in the previous round, fought back with determination and drew level. The School regained the lead when a forward passing movement left an opening of which T. A. Robbins made full use. After beating two or three opponents with great determination he touched down near the centre. Perhaps the reason for the School's success was the speed with which passing movements of the opposition were spoiled by quick marking and hard tackling. Cranleigh never really settled down to an open game which is the essential of seven-a-side rugby.

Thursday, 1st April.

THIRD ROUND. Won: Haberdashers' 3 pts. (1 try) *v* Kingswood 0.

The first half of this match produced no score, with the School playing uphill and against the wind. Kingswood were playing well but did not appear to be taking full advantage of the wind and slope. The School had several narrow escapes and mistakes were made that might well have spelt disaster. Early in the second half the School attacked and 10 yards from the Kingswood line a scrum was given. A quick heel by J. T. Farrand enabled J. J. Hanson to pass neatly to T. A. Robbins who went over for the only score of the game. For the remainder of the match both teams pressed only occasionally for the pace had proved too much and Haberdashers' and Kingswood were both very tired teams. The School now had the wind and slope in their favour, however, and some good touch-kicking brought relief until the final whistle.

QUARTER FINALS. Lost: Haberdashers' 5 pts. (1 goal) *v* Rydal 8 pts. (1 goal, 1 try).

Rydal, eventually one of the finalists, played a good open game but the School seven, with a little luck, would have won. Soon after the start J. J. Hanson broke clear in the loose and passed to T. A. Robbins who dummied beautifully and then ran on to score. M. Cleveland converted. Rydal retaliated and after a long period of midfield play, a break in the three-quarters enabled the opposition to draw level. Soon a smooth three-quarter movement by Haberdashers' enabled M. Cleveland to break clear and apparently score. The referee, however, was unsighted and had no option but to award a five-yard scrum. If this try had been allowed there would have been no need for the extra-time, which was in fact played. Rydal scored first and so won the game.

Team: J. B. Davies, M. Cleveland, T. A. Robbins, J. J. Hanson, H. Couch, (Capt.), J. T. Farrand, N. A. Fuller.

The team would like to thank all supporters, not only masters and boys from the School, but Old Boys, parents and friends who devoted their time on the Wednesday and Thursday to watching the School and following its progress in the competition. Haberdashers' was the last London School to be left in the competition. This is the first time since the series started in 1939 that a Haberdashers' team has reached the quarter-finals.

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS

JUNIOR

FIRST ROUND

Joblings	17 pts.	Strouts	3 pts.
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SECOND ROUND

Joblings	23 pts.	Hendersons	12 pts.
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FINAL ROUND

Calverts	72 pts.	Joblings	0 pts.
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SENIOR.

FIRST ROUND

Joblings	36 pts.	Meadows	6 pts.
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SECOND ROUND

Joblings	8 pts.	Calverts	3 pts.
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FINAL ROUND

Hendersons	12 pts.	Joblings	3 pts.
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After keen competition in the preliminary rounds there were good prospects of a closely contested game in the final round.

Hendersons, with thirteen men, seemed to be at an unsurmountable disadvantage, which was emphasised when M. Cleveland opened the scoring for Joblings after receiving a pass in mid-field with no one to oppose him.

Yeadon replied, however, with a fine try, the ball travelling to the wing from a scrum in the Jobling's 25 yds-line. This made the score three points each and for some time no further score resulted.

Hendersons were covering well, N. A. Fuller being outstanding both in this respect and in attack. J. N. Goad gave Hendersons the lead with an unexpected swerve in the centre and further increased the lead shortly afterwards. J. B. Davies left the result in no doubt when he received the ball in the centre and outpaced his opponents to make the score 12-3. N. A. Fuller's attempts at conversion were close but failed, however, each time. The game despite the score was not one-sided by any means and perhaps Joblings were unlucky not to score more than once.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

FIRST ROUND

Russells	28 pts.	Strouts	0 pts.
Joblings	16 pts.	Meadows	3 pts.

SECOND ROUND

Russells	6 pts.	Hendersons	3 pts.
Joblings	6 pts.	Calverts	3 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Russells	8 pts.	Joblings	6 pts.
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Russells fought doughtily throughout the competition, and did well to defeat Hendersons in the second round. Joblings opened the score with a penalty by B. L. Waldman, but a neat movement initiated by F. L. Gardner sent H. G. Purchase away for a try in the corner. After the interval Russells pressed hard and a blind-side solo dash by T. A. Robbins resulted in a try which Robbins himself converted. Joblings, nothing daunted, returned to the attack, and a fine dribble by Oeters yielded a try just before the final whistle. An opportunity to equalise by the conversion was missed by Waldman, and Russells left the field worthy victors.

Boat Club

"Guts" is a word usually eschewed in polite circles, but whether we call a spade a spade, or use Dr. Mc.Eldowney's more euphemistic term "mental determination," it has, nevertheless, been the keynote of our rowing in recent months. Every sport calls for certain intangible qualities of character over and above the basic skill peculiar to it, but under racing conditions, few require so much sustained determination and endurance as ours. The German coach rallying his flagging crew with a guttural "Blut und Mut!", or his French counterpart exhorting his oarsmen to display more "Sang et Cran!", are both appealing equally volubly for that last ounce of latent will-to-win from tired bodies already rowing, to what they believe to be capacity, through a red mist of semi-awareness of the world around. When the last stroke is rowed, and when the last cheer has died away, only the knowledge that we have given our very best, will make the race, won or lost, worth while.

Qualities of character, such as the self-abnegation involved in the sublimation of one's own individuality into that of the crew, are an all-important by-product of our activity. The Club's sense of purpose, the spirit of the crews, and the attitude of the individual member, call for much the same attributes as we look for in the classroom, and a rowing report comment could often be a repetition of what has been written for academic subjects. Juvenal's aim of "Mens sana in corpore sano," held by some to be a rather Victorian approach to sport, still states most succinctly the ultimate objective of any school sport. This maxim need not, I feel, be translated, in spite of Mr. Dudderidge's assurance that our oarsmen unlike his canoe-ers, are, true to type, all brawn and no brain.

This assertion, however, like most generalisations, does contain a grain of truth among the chaff. We have created healthy minds in healthy bodies, and the attitude and effort of our crews are irreproachable. At the same time, however, our technical progress is not keeping step, and our performance is partially stultified by complacency. We hear, but we do not listen, we see, but we do not observe, we read, but do not think enough about it, and consequently, as regards technique, and in this direction alone, we have less about which to feel satisfied. A highly repetitive movement rowing may be, but we should always be striving after the perfect stroke. We shall probably never row it, but if and when we do, we must extend our aim to row two such strokes in succession, and then ten, and then a hundred. This achieved, we shall be first past the post, and Haberdashers will be where they belong on the river—well up with the leading rowing schools.

The Juniors splashing about happily at Barnes each Tuesday may not feel personally affected by these comments, but when

all is said and done, they are, in embryo, the School crews of '55, '56, and '57. On their promotion to senior status next September, they must furnish material of such calibre that no member of a crew can feel safe in his position with so keen a competition coming up from below. From the first tentative stroke at Tommy Green's to the final "ten" of the last race, it is one continuous process of training, and each drop of sweat shed at Barnes is one drop less in some race in the not-so-distant future. At the moment, many of the Juniors are scarcely panting after an outing, and seem to have little conception of the effort required now, under training, to ensure success later. The varsity "blue" does not find it easy simply because he is superbly fit and highly trained—his facial expression in the race testifies to the maximum possible effort he is making, and which presumably he has always made throughout his training to reach that coveted position in the Boat Race.

Finally, a word to the mothers, the unsung heroines of the Club. Some there may be, who are only too glad to see the back of their son on Saturday morning, but to most, his early marriage to an oar-handle must seem the grossest alienation of affection. It is to their resounding credit, that they still turn out our boys smartly, and (usually) punctually, contriving into the bargain even to reflect the enthusiasm which is the *élan vital* behind our boats. Their co-operation is only matched by that of the fathers who, working hard in competition with H.M. Inspector of Taxes, see a fair sum of what is left intact, drained off in fares to Eel Pie Island. We only hope that they share our conviction that it is money well spent.

We have not much history behind us as a Club, but ours is a sport founded on a wealth of fine tradition, and our memories on leaving will, I hope, be cherished ones that will go with us through life. However, much we may forget about quadratic equations or the subjunctive of "Pouvoir," we shall never forget the crews we rowed in, or the races we rowed in, whether glorious victories or honourable defeats.

J. BROWNING.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Last Autumn started with the usual influx of members from the Junior Boat Club, numbering twenty-two in all, bringing the total strength of the Seniors to thirty-seven, the greatest ever.

The term began with the usual friendly race between the First IV and Worcester Union, which this year, took the form of a small regatta, since the Union were celebrating their arrival at West End Boat House from Mortlake. There was not much time to experiment with the crew, so the remainder of last year's First VIII were taken, with Dichlian as stroke. The crew did not disgrace themselves by any means, as can be seen from the results below.

Immediately after the Worcester fixtures, attention was focussed on the formation of the First VIII, keeping the Schools' Head of the River Race in mind. We were lucky, in as much as only two members of the First VIII left School last Summer Term; but it was discovered later, that Binding would be leaving at Christmas, and rather than have to rearrange the crew in the Spring Term, we asked him if he would mind standing down, and this he kindly consented to do. After various combinations were tried, Fredman, Bryant A.J. and Chapman were finally selected, and training commenced immediately after half term. It was decided in order to give some incentive to the crew, and experience, that a friendly race should be staged; this was duly done against a U.C.S. house crew, the report of which appears below.

After discussion, it was agreed to enter a IV for this year's Richmond Boxing Day Regatta, but due to the U.C.S. fixture, only one practice was held before the race.

At the end of the Autumn Term a large number of boys left the Club but it was decided to form a Second VIII, to represent the School. This was done reasonably quickly, since much knowledge had been obtained of the remaining members from the previous term's rowing, and, under the supervision of Mr. McNair, training re-commenced.

Training for this year consisted of many timed long distance courses of approximately 12 minutes for both crews. In this respect, the Second VIII was invaluable, as the competition between the two crews gave rise to great keenness. Good use has been made of the gym this year, just prior to each race, as once a week both the First and Second VIIIs have had a spell of training lasting about three-quarters of an hour.

The First VIII improved considerably in the Spring Term, as the crew began to act as one man; much of this is due to Dichlian at stroke, who worked hard to keep a good steady rhythm which the whole crew could feel, although there was often the tendency, when the crew became tired, to rush forward. Over the term, however, the rate gradually increased from approximately 26 to 34, without affecting the crew any more over a twelve minute course. Another noticeable improvement, is the spurt, which the crew can now master, by shortening up and punching the blade through the water, this being one of the things, which has lost the club many races in the past.

Something out of the ordinary for the Boat Club was also held this year, a general talk on rowing, given by Dr. McEldowney, an ex-Cambridge coach. The talk, preceded by a club tea, was a great success, and much useful knowledge for the Head of the River Race was gained.

As last year, the weather for the Head of the River Race was kind, although a head wind at the start caused rather rough

conditions. The First VIII, starting third from bottom in the Best Boat Division, finished 18th, after an excellent row, having moved up eleven places, so bringing us on a level with the other leading Public School crews. This performance was encouraging, since we beat all the crews we have to row against in the League this summer by quite a large margin.

I would like to thank Mr. Browning very much indeed, for what he has done for the Club, especially in the coaching of the First VIII, also Messrs. McNair and Keevil for their coaching of the Second and Third VIIIs respectively.

J. ROUTLEY, *Captain of Boats.*

FIRST IV

Bow, KELLETT; 2, NASH; 3, ROUTLEY; *Stroke*, DICHLIAN; *Cox*, MORTON.

FIRST VIII

Bow, BRYANT; 2, FREDMAN; 3, HINGLEY; 4, CHAPMAN; 5, ROUTLEY; 6, NASH; 7, KELLETT; *Stroke*, DICHLIAN; *Cox*, HEALEY.

SECOND VIII

Bow, PRICE, 2; BOYERS; 3, FEWKES; 4, RYAN; 5, BATTSON; 6, HATFIELD; 7, BARTLETT; *Stroke*, RUSSELL; *Cox*, MORTON.

RACE REPORTS

17th October. *Worcester Regatta. 1st. IV*

1st Race: In this race we made a rather poor start and soon went down 1 length to the Worcester Union IV. In spite of some trouble with the boat we kept the lead of the Worcester crew down to $\frac{3}{4}$ length and although having the disadvantage of the bend drew up to lose by a canvas.

2nd Race: To decide 3rd place in this regatta we rowed against Weybridge. We made an exceptionally good start and were $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths up in very few strokes. During the race we held our lead and at the end slightly increased it to win by 2 lengths.

12th December. *University College School v 1st. VIII*

The 1st. VIII made a fairly good start and were soon $\frac{1}{2}$ length up. During the next three minutes there was very little change in the position apart from one spurt in which our crew went up to almost 1 length. Near the end of the course we had the disadvantage of the bend and as the U.C.S. crew caught up we clashed blades for about seven strokes and the U.C.S. crew, having pulled themselves together with commendable watermanship, went on to win by $\frac{1}{3}$ length.

26th December. *Boxing Day regatta. 1st IV.*

In this race we were very unlucky in having one of our bow men absent. However, with the help of a stroke side reserve and a complete rearrangement of the crew we managed to take part. Soon after the start the other crew were several lengths ahead but towards the end we closed the gap to finish about 3 lengths down on our opponents, Barnes & District B.

16th March. *Head of the River Race.*

The crew had a rather poor start and soon ran into rough water before Hammersmith bridge. Although a little water was shipped the crew kept well together and just before Hammersmith bridge began to settle down. As we approached the mile post the rate went up to 36 and the balance and timing were excellent. At this point we overtook a St. Paul's crew that had started ahead of us and went on at a very high rate finishing at 40 and catching up on another crew which also had started before us. Our time for this course was 8.23 the distance being just over 2 miles. As a result of this row we went up from 32nd to 18th in the Shell division.

C. NASH.

Boxing

The Upper School team has had its most successful season for many years. All matches were won, some by quite large margins, our first three matches giving us 24 bouts won to only three lost.

The success of the team was undoubtedly due to the enthusiasm of all members for their training, regular attendance at which increased both their skill and their physical fitness. Our Captain, F. L. Gardner, is to be congratulated on the excellent way in which the team spirit in the Boxing Club was fostered.

The thanks of the Club are due to Mr. C. R. Thompson, Mr. L. K. Wilkinson, Mr. Dudderidge, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Peebles for all the help they have given during the season.

Colours have been awarded as follows, the number in brackets after each name indicating the number of bouts each boy has boxed for the School.

Ribbon Colours: G. A. Butler (10), B. Collombin (7), A. E. Curtis (8), B. M. Gaunt (13), N. Healey (6), D. B. Mercer (5), J. R. Parker (4), P. Stewart (10), G. E. Strange (7), W. I. White (5).

Half Colours: B. R. Boatman (14), B. D. Horne (13), H. G. Purchase (17), M. S. White (11).

Full Colours: F. L. Gardner (21), J. J. Hanson (22), D. J. Ward (22).

MATCH REPORTS

v. City of London School.

In a series of well matched bouts the value of a good straight left was made apparent. In nearly all the bouts the decision was gained by points scored with straight and accurate left hand punching. Gaunt and M. S. White boxed particularly well, Hanson had a gruelling battle with a strong opponent while Purchase is to be congratulated on defeating a taller and more experienced boxer.

Result: School 10 wins, C.L.S. 0 wins.

v. Merchant Taylors' School.

An excellent afternoon's boxing produced many close bouts. Purchase boxed exceptionally well, losing a hard bout against the opposing captain. While Butler was rather lucky to get the decision, Stewart, Boatman, M. S. White and Horne clearly outpointed their opponents.

Result. School 6 wins, M.T.S. 2 wins.

v. Monmouth School.

This match clearly showed the advantage the orthodox boxer has over the strong fighter. In every bout straight punching beat swings, and blows given with the knuckle part of the glove proved more effective than those delivered with the inside. Mercer in his first bout this season decisively defeated his southpaw opponent, Gaunt outboxed a stronger boy, while Boatman, Strange and Horne all outboxed and outpunched their opponents. Purchase, outreached by a taller opponent, did well to win, Ward's straight left gained him the decision, and Gardner after two hard fought rounds, proved fitter than his opponent in the third round and won comfortably on points.

Result: School 8 wins, Monmouth 1 win.

v. St. Paul's School.

Sound boxing on both sides was the chief characteristic of this match. Curtis, boxing steadily and correctly, won the first bout. Mercer and Healey, attacking vigorously, added two further wins. Charles was not sufficiently experienced to cope with his opponent, while Boatman, although boxing well, was out-



BOXING COLOURS



Top Row :
2nd. Row :
Seated :
Front :

B. M. GAUNT, J. R. PARKER, B. GILLOMBIN, G. A. BUTLER, L. W. HART,
 P. STEWART, A. E. CURRIE, J. LITTLEWOOD, N. HEALEY, D. B. MURDER, G. E. STRANGE,
 B. R. BOATMAN, M. S. WHITE, D. J. WARD, F. L. GARDNER, J. J. HANSON, B. D. HORNE, H. G. PURCHES,
 A. BROWN, M. R. TREVELYAN, D. A. SUTCLIFFE, S. O. WHITTAM.

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manoeuvred. Strange and W. I. White both boxed strongly to win good bouts, while Gaunt lost a very even contest. Ward found his opponent much too clever, M. S. White had his defence pierced by a very quick punching boxer and Purchase's attacks failed to overcome a watchful opponent's left hand. With six wins to each side after Hanson had won a hard fought bout, Stewart and Horne made such vigorous onslaughts on their opponents that in each case the bouts were stopped in the first round.

Result: School 8 wins, S.P.S. 6 wins.

v. Brighton College.

It was as well that the team had trained hard for this match as the opposing side were fit and strong. Stewart boxing in excellent style defeated his opponent in the third round. Mercer, a little too forceful, won the first two rounds but was outpointed in the third. Boatman, erring perhaps on the cautious side outboxed his opponent, while W. White, even more cautious, allowed his opponent to score too frequently. Horne and Ward, both much improved, boxed well to win the next two contests. While Butler was perhaps lucky to win the succeeding bout, Collombin was unfortunate in failing to gain the decision. Gardner, matched with the opposing captain, whose record showed a succession of first round knock out victories, weathered a devastating first round and gave as good as he received in the succeeding two rounds, losing a stirring contest on points.

Result: School 5 wins, Brighton 4 wins.

LOWER SCHOOL BOXING

Enthusiasm for Boxing has for a long time been a marked characteristic of the Lower School. During the Christmas Term 120 boys battled vigorously in the House competitions; and during the Easter Term the more robust and adventurous members continued to attend practices in the hope of being selected to represent the Lower School in matches.

Twenty boys reached a sufficiently high standard to box in the three matches held and all did well, showing themselves to possess stout hearts as well as a sound knowledge of the elements of boxing.

Junior Colours have been awarded to G. E. Strange (Captain), A. Brown, L. W. Hart, J. Littlewood, D. A. Sutcliffe, M. R. Trevelyan, S. O. Whittam.

MATCH REPORTS

v. City of London School.

About half the members of our team were having their first experience of boxing in a School match, and all acquitted themselves well. Harris overcame his opponent in the first round, and Whittam, Littlewood, Weston and Strange boxed on sound lines, winning on points. Brown is to be complimented in the excellent way in which he stood up to a strong opponent.

Result: School 5 wins, C.L.S. 7 wins.

v. Wimbledon College.

A series of closely contested bouts gave our boxers a severe testing. Littlewood, Hart, Healey and Mitchenere boxed well to win excellent contests. Trevelyan did extremely well and could only have lost by the smallest of margins. Brown showed great determination and courage against a strong and experienced boxer.

Result: School 4 wins, Wimbledon 7 wins.

v. Colet Court.

Like the previous two matches this was a series of close contests. Kirk, Whittam, Sutcliffe and Brown who lost on points were only very narrowly beaten. Evans did well to win his first match contest, while Flowers, Littlewood, Webster and Weston also boxed well to win.

Result: School 5 wins, Colet Court 8 wins.

Cross Country

There was a very encouraging sign at the beginning of this year's Cross-Country season when more than ever before expressed a desire to do cross-country running as their main winter sport. This allowed us to be more selective in the choice for those suitable and I am glad to report a most successful season. But, unfortunately, it was constantly shown that almost all the members of the School team would have benefited from more and regular training.

This was shown when we were beaten twice by Harrow County early in the season, but then on another two occasions later in the season we were successful in beating them. Next season perhaps we can beat our rivals on all the occasions on which we meet.

Although getting less points than last year we were unable to improve our last year's position of fifth in the Highgate Harrier's Schools' Race.

Twice this season the team was successful in winning by dropping only one point. This was against Emanuel School and against the R.A.F. Hendon.

Although handicapped by age-limits the School did well to come fifth out of 22 teams in the Ranelagh Harriers Schools' Race and extremely well in the Southgate Harriers Schools' Race. In this race the School team were only beaten by one team which had not previously run before, Highgate School. The team was presented with its medals by the Headmaster in morning assembly.

In the last race of the season the School came fourth in the Queen's Park Harriers Road-Relay. This was an improvement of nine places on last year's result.

The team was made up from the following:— Shrimpton, (Captain); Irwin, (Vice-Captain and Secretary); Boulton; Boatman; Pardey; Morris; Brown; Scruton; Sykes; Secker.

The following also represented the School:— O'Brien; Goad; McInnes; Fairley; Worth; Pay; Drewry; Ogden.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Irwin for his efficiency in his capacity as Secretary and Mr. Hickman for his encouragement in all our races.

CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS.

- At Chase Lodge. v the R.A.F. Hendon. (School won).*
School: 7 points. R.A.F. Hendon 21 points.
- At Highgate. Inter-Schools Match (Highgate Harriers).*
School 5th. with 94 points.
- At Northwick Park. v Harrow County School. (School lost).*
School 55 points. Harrow County School 28 points.
- At Richmond Park. Inter Schools Race (Ranelagh Harriers).*
School 5th. with 107 points.
- At Chase Lodge. v Emanuel School (School won).*
School 22 points. Emanuel 63 points.
- At Grove Park. v City of London School (School won).*
School 28 points. City of London School 55 points.
- At Enfield. Inter-Schools Match. (Southgate Harriers).*
School 2nd. with 119 points.
- At Eastcote. Inter-Schools road-relay (Queen's Park Harriers).*
School 4th in 51 mins. 21 secs.

Fives

Fives continued throughout the winter as usual.

As a result of our recent weakness, however, the School Team succeeded in winning only one of its three matches, and that, against U.C.S. at home, by the small margin of 2 points.

The Team consisted of Bryant, C. and Hampshire 1st pair. and Fisk and Genis 2nd pair.

The second match, also against U.C.S., was lost by 15 points, and the third, against St. Paul's 2nd IV, by 29 points. In these last two matches, Fuller, N. A., replaced Genis, who had left School.

However, several players have made good progress during the term, White, W. I., Fox and Stark playing well, and I am sure we can and shall do better.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Sanderson for his constant advice and encouragement throughout the season.

C. BRYANT, *Captain of Fives.*

Fifth Form v Sixth Form

In the last edition of "*Skylark*" details were given of how the School used to play Association Football up to 1924. Spurred on by the speech that Mr. Freeman made on Commendation Day, and the enthusiasm of certain sections of the fifth and sixth forms, a match was arranged to revive the practice of our predecessors. This took place on March 20th and it was surprising to note the skill of certain regular Rugger players in the sixth form team. The game, however, resulted in a win for the more enthusiastic and compact fifth form by 4 goals to 1.

Joseph scored 3 times for the victors and J. T. Farrand had the misfortune to put the ball through his own goal, but Matear atoned for this with a brilliant solo goal for the sixth form's consolation.

Teams taking part in this " Memorial " game were as follows:—
Fifth Form: Shankland; Groom; Pardey; Jeffers; Butler; Wildman; Hersey; White, M. S.; Joseph; Taylor; Boatman.

Sixth Form: Goad; Farrand, J. T.; Fuller N; Kipps; Cleveland; Darby; Scruton; Snell; Walker, J.; Matear; Brown, D. A..

J. A. R. JEFFERS, 5a.

A. J. GROOM, 5a.

Tennis

Tennis this season has blossomed from potential, through a period of adjustment in which confidence was gained, to many good victories and some records.

At the beginning of the season it seemed that once again there would only be occasional victories against weaker sides, when the first three matches were lost. It was the match against the Old Boys that saw the initial win and although this was followed by defeat by St. Paul's first VI, it was a confident team which arrived at William Ellis School and one eager for revenge against Harrow County. Both Harrow County and ourselves beat William Ellis 2-1; against Harrow C., Walker J. G. and Supran beat their first pair and then Dorner and Robson, playing for us for the first time, beat their second pair to clinch the match; the day was complete when Nice and Barker made it a 3-0 victory over Harrow County, and the School had won their first round of the Glanvill Cup. The following Wednesday a second round of the Glanvill was won against Merchant Taylors' by 2-1, but our run ended later in the week, Westminster School beating both U.C.S. and ourselves 2-1.

The First VI's next match was the first one on grass, and although it was more comfortable for the feet it held other disadvantages in that it was always uncertain whether a ball with, say, top-spin, would rise after it had hit the ground or keep low. However, the difficulties were overcome and we won comfortably 5½-3½. An enjoyable match followed which was played at Brighton in gorgeous sunshine and was preceded by a pleasant round of putting and lunch at the College. The match was won 9-0; this is the first time any Haberdashers' VI has won by this maximum possible margin. We were represented by Walker J.G., and Supran, Nice and Dorner, Pangalos and Ridge.

The Second VI, too, have had their victories this season, although they have only nine matches as opposed to the seventeen of the First VI. Notable amongst these victories were those against Westminster, and Latymer Upper School Second VI's.

But tennis victories are not the only signs of progress; during the important winter months thirty juniors were coached by Mr. Byrne and the number of courts now available to the School on Wednesdays has been extended to thirteen by the addition of

five fine red courts belonging to the Hampstead Club, adjoining the Cumberland L.T.C. Altogether sixty-six boys now play tennis regularly on their games afternoons.

All home matches have been played on the courts of the Brondesbury Club to whom we are most grateful for the facilities provided, particularly the excellent teas kindly supervised each week by volunteer lady members of the Club.

On behalf of the tennis teams and Club I would like to thank Mr. Campbell for the work he has put into the organising of tennis, especially with regard to matches, and also to congratulate him on obtaining for us the use of the five additional courts on Wednesday afternoons.

1st. VI players: Supran*, (*Capt.*), Walker, J. G.,* Nice†, Barker†, Dorner, Robson, Ridge†, Pangalos, Lyle†, Stoddard, Waldman, Sarner, Bragg†.

2nd. VI players: Bragg (*Capt.*), Lyle, Stoddard, Waldman, Pannell Treleaven, Walker, D. J., Ridge, Morris, Davies, Pangalos, Robson.

* First VI Colours. † 2nd VI Colours.

RESULTS TO DATE

First VI:—*Played*—14 *Won*—7 *Lost*—7 *Drawn*—0

Second VI:—*Played*—7 *Won*—5 *Lost*—2 *Drawn*—0

L. D. SUPRAN, *Captain of Tennis.*

House Notes

SPORTS TROPHIES—1953-54

	<i>Winners</i>	<i>Runners up</i>
Rugby (Senior)—	Hendersons	Joblings
Rugby (Junior)—	Calverts	Joblings
Rugby (Sevens)—	Russells	Joblings
Basketball (Senior)—	Hendersons	Calverts
Basketball (Junior)—	Meadows	Hendersons
Cross-Country—	Joblings	Meadows
Athletics	Strouts	Joblings

CALVERTS

This, to me, has so far been a disappointing year and as happens only too often, the one consolation seems to be that a few younger members of the House appear to be making a real effort, at least in the field of sport, to improve the status of the House in the various competitions. Our Juniors are to be congratulated on winning the Lower School Boxing and Junior Rugby XV competitions, in the latter defeating Joblings by 72 points to nil. In the Upper School the House came second in the Boxing competition and in both the XV and Seven-a-sides competitions gave Joblings a hard game. In Athletics the lot fell once more to the Juniors to do what they could for the House and mainly owing to their efforts, Calverts came fourth in this competition. At this point special mention should be made of A. E. Shrimpton and D. H. Pardey who were both outstanding in Cross-country and Athletics. Prospects for future competitions such as Swimming and Cricket seem tolerably bright and members of the House may wonder why Calverts are not well up in the Dunton Shield.

The answer of course lies in work and, more especially, conduct. In this sphere, the spirit to help the House, so obvious in all sport, is clearly lacking. Only by each member of the House realising that it is his duty to the House to keep out of trouble and to be of some positive value to it, will the efforts of the few outstanding people in the House be of some avail.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to Mr. Small, Mr. Sanderson, and Mr. Hickman, our House-masters, for their continued support and interest in all things remotely connected with the House. I would also like to thank G. Rogers and W. A. Gross for their help in the tedious recording and other aspects of the House's business, which duties they have carried out both keenly and efficiently.

A. J. PANGALOS, *Captain*.

HENDERSONS

The past two terms have not been unsatisfactory for Hendersons. In the Autumn Term we won the Upper School Work & Conduct Shield and were runners up in the Lower School competitions. In spite of a poor response to Boxing our final position found us leading in the Dunton Shield competition. This gratifying result was largely due to the excellent number of plus points gained.

In the Spring Term, we were runners-up in both Work & Conduct competitions in spite of the good work of Ritchie, Kustow and Creed who gained 120, 100, and 90 points respectively.

We won the Senior Rugby and Basketball and the Rowing competitions but we were beaten in the finals of the Tug-of-war by a very good Strouts team and we were runner-up in the Junior

Basketball.

Our position of 6th in the Upper School Sports was disappointing but I should like to point out that this was partially due to the poor results in the Athletics Standard Trials. We still lead in the Dunton Shield competition.

Halfway through the Spring Term we were unfortunate in losing M. A. Bennett, who left School after a distinguished academic career. His successor to the thankless task of House recorder is Goad who is already proving his worth. I should like to congratulate N. A. Fuller and J. T. Farrand on their appointments as Captain and Vice-Captain of Cricket.

Finally, I must gratefully acknowledge the hard work put in by certain senior members of the House, and in particular, the constant interest taken in House affairs by Mr. Hewson and Mr. Campbell.

C. B. PERKINS, *Captain.*

JOBLINGS

With the successes of the past two years Joblings returned for the Autumn Term with a fairly high standard to maintain, and it appeared that the House were determined to do well. This determination proved sufficient to win the Upper School Boxing competition, and the Lower School did well to be placed second in their competition. In both, many boys acquitted themselves creditably. At the end of the Autumn Term, Joblings were in second position in the Dunton Shield, having been placed fifth and fourth in the Upper and Lower School Work and Conduct Shields respectively. These low positions were the result of poor work rather than poor conduct, and it is only by persistent effort on the part of every member of the House that work points may be improved.

As usual the three Rugger tournaments were decided in the Spring Term, but unlike previous years victory was not forthcoming. Instead the House were runners-up in both Junior and Senior Rugger, and Seven-a-side competitions. Following this, first place was gained in the Littlefield cup for Cross-Country, and at the end of the term Joblings came a close second to Strouts in the Upper School Athletics.

As always, certain boys excelled in House affairs, and of these M. Cleveland, J. R. Irwin, J. S. Mercer and M. Sarner (a very industrious House recorder) are particularly worthy of mention. My thanks are due to W. D. M. Oeters, who has been an able and pleasant Vice-Captain, and to Mr. Barling and Mr. Nicholas, both of whose efforts have been invaluable in maintaining the keen spirit of the House. Finally I should like to wish my successor and the House itself every success in the future.

H. E. COUCH, *Captain.*

MEADOWS

Although the final positions do not show it to any degree, there has been a definite improvement in the morale and enthusiasm of the House lately. This improvement is not evident in the House positions because, in sports generally, the rise in position of the Junior part of the House has been accompanied by a fall in the Senior.

These facts are borne out by two results: in the Basketball competition the Juniors won and the Seniors came last; in the Cross-Country race the Juniors again won while the Seniors (doing a little better) attained third place. It is realised that some sports events require natural ability, but there has been in the past much apathy too.

In the Athletics competition our combined result was a well deserved third place. In this field there was much competitive spirit and great enthusiasm. Notable performers were, among the Juniors, Boatman, Hunt and Woodford, and Hanscombe among the Seniors.

In Work and Conduct the Upper School members redeemed themselves by winning the Shield for the term.

Judging by the record of the members of the Junior part of the House, and providing they sustain their effort, we should make a very rapid rise to the top position in the Summer Term.

P. F. SPENCER, *Captain.*

RUSSELLS

At present, the House is marked by good average performances all round, though there have been few notable successes.

During the Autumn Term, Russells did really well as regards Work and Conduct—we were 1st in the Lower School, 2nd in the Upper—but we were brought down to 4th position in the Dunton Shield by our results in the Boxing competition, where (as last year) we had a fairly big entry but no finals successes.

One individual achievement may be mentioned here: our House Captain for the Autumn, G. B. Binding, left in December after gaining an Open Exhibition at Cambridge.

The Spring Term began with Rugger, and I echo last year's report in saying "our XVs were eliminated early on in the competition, and it was disheartening to see how few boys in the House came to support their representatives." However, we did have a rather surprising success in winning the Seven-a-sides, beating Joblings in a close and exciting final. Russells did not do well in Basket-ball; and we only came 4th in the Littlefield Cup for Cross-Country. But here I must mention the excellent performance of our Junior Team, which was placed 2nd. It was through no fault of this team that we did not do better, and in fact one of our boys, J. M. Redpath, came first in this Junior race.

In Athletics, it was again the Juniors who distinguished themselves, so far as "standards" were concerned, and they gained almost twice as many points as the Seniors in the Finals (though here we were unfortunate in that several strong seniors were prevented by illness or other causes from taking part). B. M. Shaw did very well in winning three Junior events; other winners were C. F. Muteau and T. A. Robbins. Russells was finally placed 4th missing a higher position by a very narrow margin

The work which boys do at School is not specifically a House concern, nevertheless, several boys have done very well, thus gaining indirectly a great many points for us. Conduct has been generally good, although the names of too many Russells' boys have appeared in the records for lines and lateness. This is mentioned as a general matter, since although this means lowered prestige it does not involve the loss of actual House points. As always, a few boys have lost us far more points for detentions than one might reasonably expect; but they are in a very small minority.

In conclusion, thanks are due to Mr. Knight for his support and interest as House master; to the Vice-Captain, F. L. Gardner, who will act as Captain during the Summer; to M. J. Pringle, a most competent and helpful recorder; to Lower School Captain Felton (and to R. Howell, who keeps an eye on this younger section of the House); and all the senior boys—T. A. Robbins and M. J. Bragg in particular—who assist in the smooth running of Russells House.

R. E. JEFFORD, *Captain.*

STROUTS

Strouts have had a reasonably successful year capped by a magnificent victory in Athletics.

The Rugger and Sevens showed that there exists an improving but as yet insufficient wealth of talent in this department. Our mainstays were McLaren, Readman and J. G. Walker. Hopes of success were high in the Senior Basket-ball when we beat the favourites, Joblings, comfortably. Following this, however, Hendersons gained an early advantage over us and were always in the lead; Hendersons went on to win the competition. Ullman's work and advice were of great use in connection with these matches.

A good performance in the Cross-Country races and runs gave Strouts an overall third position and revealed the aptitude of new boy Andrews in this direction as well as confirming the abilities of O'Brien and others.

The Athletic Sports provided an exciting event, with Strouts, Joblings and Meadows the serious contenders. Strouts had previously attained a record number of "standards" before the sports finals began and a lead of about five points was held through-

out the afternoon of the finals until our two straight pulls victory over Hendersons in the tug-of-war finals put the result beyond doubt. Nash, as Vice-Captain and as our best athlete, rendered invaluable services in the winning of the Athletics Shield. I must also commend Wilson, Banham, Bysher and Morris for their efforts.

This Spring Term the Work and Conduct have been average only. I am concerned at the low number of plus points obtained by the Lower School section of the House compared with recent years. The one notable exception in the Lower School in gaining Strouts a large number of plus points was Chalfen.

Our position of third in the Dunton Shield is insecure: we have only three points more than Russells. Next Term our object must be to improve that position by hard work both on the field and in work. It is to be hoped that one of the first events of the Summer Term will be the re-rowing of the House race and our re-instatement in first place. Intuition tells me that the cycle of fortunes in the final Dunton Shield positions shows a tendency to turn in our favour.

D. SUPRAN, *Captain.*

Inter-House Competitions, 1953-54

UPPER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

EASTER, 1954:—

1.	HENDERSONS	1387 points
2.	RUSSELLS	1300 „
3.	MEADOWS	1254 „
4.	STROUTS	1179 „
5.	JOBLINGS	1111 „
6.	CALVERTS	585 „

LOWER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

EASTER, 1954:—

1.	RUSSELLS	1690 points
2.	HENDERSONS	1602 „
3.	STROUTS	1493 „
4.	CALVERTS	1265 „
5.	MEADOWS	1204 „
6.	JOBLINGS	1028 „

CROSSMAN SHIELD—SPORT

EASTER, 1954:—

1.	JOBLINGS	86 points
2.	HENDERSONS	49 „
3.	CALVERTS	47 „
4.	STROUTS	44 „
5.	MEADOWS	35 „
6.	RUSSELLS	26 „

DUNTON SHIELD FOR SPORT AND WORK

EASTER, 1954:—

1.	HENDERSONS	863 points
2.	JOBLINGS	827 "
3.	STROUTS	769 "
4.	RUSSELLS	766 "
5.	MEADOWS	695 "
6.	CALVERTS	587 "

Combined Cadet Force

Strength: September, 1953:—12 Officers, 405 Cadets.

BASIC SECTION

C.S.M.: C. B. Perkins,

Sergeants: J. N. Goad, R. Howell, A. Kaulins, F. J. Kent.

An intake of 120 recruits in September provided a Basic Section of 4 platoons. These have been preparing for Part I of the Certificate "A" examination which takes place in the Summer Term.

The Autumn Term field day on Hampstead Heath was spoiled by wet weather, but finer conditions prevailed during the Spring Term when much useful training was carried out at Radlett. An inter-platoon drill competition was keenly contested in the Spring Term and was won by No. 5 platoon under Sgt. Howell.

All cadets have fired on the miniature range, the following having attained the Marksman's standard:—Cadets Barber, Brown, Keen, Langmead, Long, May, Willment, Woodford.

ARMY SECTION

C.S.M.: A. M. Barrow.

Sergeants: B. Collombin, W. A. Gross, D. J. McLaren, G. R. Powell, G. D. Rogers.

The Signals Platoon has carried out much intensive training during the past two terms, culminating in the Classified Signallers' test which all candidates passed. In the Certificate "A" examination held during the Spring Term, 49 candidates out of 54 were successful. These are now undergoing a potential N.C.Os' course to prepare them for responsible positions in the Corps next term. A further 29 candidates for certificate "A" will be examined during the Summer Term. The following have attended courses:

Signals: Cadets Michael, Weston.

Drill: Sgts. Collombin, Gross, Powell, Cpls. Bragg, Dichlian, L/Cpls. Aust, McLaren.

Junior Leaders: Cpls. Bragg, Dichlian, L/Cpl. Aust.

Armourers: Cadet Oppenheimer.

Promotions: To Sgt: Collombin, Gross, McLaren, Powell.

To Cpl. Bragg, Cleveland, Dichlian, Morris, Pannell.

To L/Cpl. Aust, McLaren.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

It was at the beginning of the Spring Term that the Section was able to add a Seamanship room to its list of facilities. This room, part of the wooden hut at the top of the School field, has provided much needed accommodation for both training purposes and for storing equipment and instructional models. After its basic "decoration" a number of the senior ratings set to work installing gear, posting up photographs and charts and generally making the room a pleasant and business-like place in which to work.

The Whole Day Exercise held on March 12th at Lee-on-Solent proved interesting and instructive and, for once, the weather did not prevent flying. At Easter nineteen cadets attended Annual Training at Portsmouth in H.M.S. *Duchess*. While an account of the week appears elsewhere it should be mentioned that we were looked after very well on what must be one of the cleanest ships in the Royal Navy.

The section has lost the services of P.O. Bennett whose main responsibility lay in organising, under Sub/Lt. Browning's guidance the signal instruction of the section. His duties have been taken over for this term by L/S. Lyle.

The training programme again culminated in the Proficiency tests and in Pt. II (for Petty Officers) all five cadets were successful, providing the section with a useful nucleus of senior ratings for next year. In Pt. I two cadets were successful. The great event of the Summer Term will, we hope, be the arrival of our long-awaited Whaler. With this, long hours of theoretical boat-work may at last be vindicated.

Decrease in strength: P. O. Bennett. L/S. Hanson.

Promotions: To Petty Officer L/S. Routley.

To Able Seaman: O.S. Fewkes, Horne, Horrocks, Ives, Sholl, Stern, Yeadon.

Annual camp this Easter was held on *H.M.S. Duchess* at Portsmouth from April 7th to 15th. We left Waterloo Station in glorious weather, which was to remain with us throughout the whole of the camp. We knew very little about the *Duchess* except that she was the latest Daring Class Destroyer and was still on the secret list.

The first morning we visited *H.M.S. Hornet*, the Coastal Forces Base, and there we saw some of the latest ships and equipment used for the defence of this country. In the afternoon we made a very interesting tour of the *Duchess* during the course of which we realised how much modern warfare has developed in recent years.

The following afternoon was spent in touring the aircraft-carrier *H.M.S. Centaur* which is the only angle-decked carrier in the Navy. This angled deck, an idea taken from the Americans, is going to save the lives of many naval pilots who make a bad

landing on the deck. The only other ship we visited was the battleship *Vanguard*. The visit, contrary to all expectations, proved very interesting and enlightening. Instead of touring the ship we spent most of the time in being shown one of the 15 inch guns which takes ninety-three marines to load and fire it. The guns are rarely fired as it causes a great deal of damage throughout the ship.

While at Portsmouth we made three worth-while visits to the boys' training establishment *H.M.S. St. Vincent*. On our first visit, on Thursday evening, we saw boys ranging in age from 15-17 perform the Ceremony of Beating the Retreat. This was a very spectacular and colourful display, showing first of all the ceremony as performed in Nelson's Day and then as it is done to-day. In this ceremony, and on the Sunday morning at Division, we saw the very high standard of drill attained by these boys, and we left there with a determined vow that we would win the drill competition again this year. Our third visit to *St. Vincent* was to enjoy the use of their swimming pool.

Wednesday morning was spent at the Gunnery School *H.M.S. Excellent*, known as Whale Island. Here we made a quick tour of the establishment seeing the latest naval guns and the complicated equipment which sets and fires them. While at Whale Island we saw the Portsmouth division of the Navy practising for the field gun event at the Royal Tournament. For six months before the Tournament a hundred and fifty men chosen from volunteers do nothing but train and prepare for the competition. Only fifty men are eventually chosen for the Tournament.

Please do not get the idea that all our time was spent in visiting shore establishments and ships, for it wasn't. We spent a great deal of time in sailing, pulling, seamanship, working part of ship and signal exercises.

The climax of the whole camp was when we and other schools had the honour of lining for the Royal Children when they left to meet the Queen. All the ships in the harbour were dressed overall. It was indeed a privilege to view at such close quarters the *Britannia*. By now you will all have read and no doubt have seen pictures of this magnificent ship and I can only add that no reports could have exaggerated her beauty.

The following day we left Portsmouth at the end of an enjoyable and fruitful Camp and I want to take this opportunity of thanking Captain Goodwin for allowing so many of us to spend our camp on his ship. Also I would like to thank Lieuts. New and Jackson for all the help they gave us during the camp, and Sub. Lieut. Hickman for all he did throughout the week.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Training has been carried on throughout the year on normal lines and there has been some quite reasonable successes in various spheres.

In January 1954 L/Cdt. M. C. Ginn was awarded a Cranwell Cadetship and is now settling down to his course. Later on in February Flying Scholarships were awarded to Cpl. Goodman, Senior Cadet Kingley and Senior Cadet Summers. This represents an exceedingly high percentage of successes of applicants—one hundred percent in fact.

A further three cadets are awaiting the results of the later Flying Scholarship Selection and Senior Cadet Summers is awaiting the results of his application for a Cranwell Cadetship.

For Field Day in the Spring Term a party visited Biggin Hill while another visited West Malling. These visits were quite successful and all cadets were airborne.

The results of the Proficiency Examination were very reasonable indeed when one bears in mind the large training classes caused by shortage of accommodation. The results of the Advanced Training Examination were perhaps disappointing but even so the results of both these examinations leave the unit still very exceptionally well qualified.

Gliding training has continued with good results. Senior Cadet Barnfather has obtained the "C" Certificate while L/Cdt. Battson, S/Cdts. Brown, M. E., Hunter, and L/Cdt. Willcocks have obtained the "B" Certificate. Further cadets are also at various stages of training at 125 Gliding School, Langley.

Promotions: To be Flt/Sgt. Sgt. Kellett (w.e.f. 15/1/54). To be Sgt. Cpl. Lord (w.e.f. 15/1/54). Cpl. Read (w.e.f. 4/12/53). To be Cpls. S/Cdt. O'Brien (w.e.f. 4/12/53). S/Cdt. Brown, D. A. (w.e.f. 15/1/54).

Decrease in strength: Flt/Sgt. Beales (15/1/54). Cpl. Rotheroe (30/9/53). L/Cdt. Beck (16/10/53). L/Cdt. Ginn (18/12/53), L/Cdt. Reeve (26/2/53), L/Cdt. Weitzman (18/12/53), Cdt. Mathias (18/12/53).

Proficiency Certificate: Cdts/ Buckle, Catford, Clark, Ellacott, Fox, Gaunt, Hatfield, Hodgkinson, Kealey, Parker, Stark, Thompson, Treleaven, Webster, Wigzell, Worth, Fitzgerald, Sykes, Youngman. (15/3/54).

Advanced Training: L/Cdts. Bryant, Hingley, Milligan (7/12/53). L/Cdts. Ridge, Summers, Hunter, Heppner, Brown, M. E., Barnfather, James (15/3/54).

Shooting

Following its inauguration last year under the guidance of Mr. Osborne, the miniature range team had a fairly successful season—winning three out of six matches. However, their most satisfactory result was in achieving sixteenth place out of 102 entries in the National Small-bore Rifle Association championship for schools.

For the first time the shooting VIII has been able to practice two or three times a week, and this has raised the standard of

shooting considerably. As a result all the School shooting records have been broken this year. At present these stand as follows:—

5 rounds grouping	G. Powell	$\frac{1}{4}$ inch
10 rounds application on the decimal target	A. Richardson	99/100
10 rounds rapid "Country Life" target	G. Powell	50/50
5 rounds snap "Country Life" target	C. Bishop	30/30
		$\frac{1}{2}$ inch group

RESULTS OF MATCHES

H.A.H.S.	v.	Bromsgrove	Lost	586—595
H.A.H.S.	v.	City of London	Lost	581—640
H.A.H.S.	v.	Mill Hill	Won	612—598
H.A.H.S.	v.	Sebright	Won	609—581
H.A.H.S.	v.	Dulwich College	Won	605—601
H.A.H.S.	v.	Berkhamstead	Lost	575—634

Colours were awarded to the Country Life competition team—Barrow, Morris, Lyle, Richardson, Powell, Bishop, Webster, Parker and Chapman.

In the coming open range season at Bisley in the Summer Term, the team has been entered for three competitions—Sussex Schools, Middlesex Schools and Ashburton Shield—and has been challenged to three matches. It is hoped that harder concentration and effort this season will be rewarded, since last summer's results proved rather disappointing.

A. E. M.

Special Service Unit

There is little to report since the last issue of the magazine, and the usual programme has been followed. Early in the year a group completed the elementary course for the British Red Cross First Aid Examination and the following were successful in the final examination:—Leff, Hoare, Mushin, Ward, Farrand, Szmidla, Littauer, Beach, Todorovic, Shashoua R. S., Shashoua S. S., Raley, Sebba, Rose S. P. R. Since then an advanced course has also been completed by Sebba S., McInnes E., Ryan, Butler, Barker, Deaner, McInnes W., Holland, Marks, Beck, Boxer, Rutter, whilst Brown, Rose M. P., Thompson, Readman and Cohen attempted their elementary certificate.

In both courses the administration has been in the hands of Mr. Moody who has had valuable assistance from Neale, Thompson, Fuller, Haverfield, Sarner, Jefford and Ullman.

Several Senior members of the Unit attended the Spring Term Conference for Schools arranged by the London District Council of the Council for Education in World Citizenship at St. Pancras Town Hall. Those selected to act as stewards, under the supervision of Mr. Campbell did their job in a very efficient and highly satisfactory manner and were afterwards complimented by the Secretary of C.E.W.C.

A small group of junior members of the Unit have maintained the ornamental gardens and the fruits of their efforts will become more apparent as the summer advances. Neale has conducted a class in Camp Craft and it is hoped to find an opportunity of providing practical experience in this activity. The Study Groups in Human Relations and Classical History have continued under Mr. Griffiths and have aroused considerable interest.

As usual, the more handy types have again proved their worth in helping with the preparations for stage productions, and the School Press has been run under the guidance of Long and Lewis P.D.

On the Summer Term Field Day one section spent an interesting day at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and the Holland Park Exhibition of Sculpture, whilst another carried out map reading exercises in Epping Forest, and a few selected boys assisted in conducting a party of German boys on a motor coach trip to Oxford.

Increase in strength: Savarese, Rutter, Morris J. R., Linggood, Leigh, Nash B. W., Mussared.

Decrease in strength: Miller, Birn, Lee, Claff, Wood, Jefford, Genis, Fraiman.

J. W. D.

Biology Society

The programme for the Spring Term included two talks, the first by Mr. R. G. Pawsey on "British Mosquitoes" and the second by Mr. P. Garsuch on "Tropical Rain Forests." Both meetings were well attended and the talks proved most interesting to the members present.

At the Society's annual tea, in February, the chairman gave the annual address on the subject of "Hypnosis," in which he outlined several intriguing features of this blissful state. The talk was followed by two films, the first dealing with the life history of the Dogfish and the second an English comedy film.

Although there were several conflicting School functions during the term five general meetings were held and a wide variety of activities were carried out. The work of the Limnological Section was similarly curtailed throughout the term, but active preparation was made for meetings during the Easter holidays.

I should again like to thank Mr. Savory and Mr. Pawsey for their continued interest and advice, which has proved so valuable to the Society, and M. Sarnier, who has carried out his duties as chairman in a most efficient manner.

J. C. LORD, *Hon. Sec.*



MR. T. RICCI

Photo by K. A. Flatto.



NANKI-POO as the Wandering Minstrel, with Chorus of Chinese Nobles.



Three Little Maids, PEEP-BO, YUM-YUM and PITTI-SING.



Ko-Ko (Lord High Ex

MIKADO



PISH TUSH, KO-KO, NANKI-POO and Chorus.



(Executioner) and KATISHA.



THE MIKADO and attendants.

Photos by K. A. Flatto

Easter Canoe Cruise



ON THE THAMES AT BISHAM ABBEY.



BEFORE THE START: MR. DUDDERIDGE INSTRUCTS.

Camera Club

Yet another successful term has passed, with weekly meetings and over two dozen members. This term's series of lectures was opened by the President. I am grateful to H. J. Godfrey, P. D. Lewis, K. A. F. Flatto, E. J. O'Brien and T. D. Keen for their informative lectures.

Towards the end of this term a Club library was formed. K. A. F. Flatto has been elected librarian.

We are indebted to our President, Mr. A. P. Rouse, for the innumerable services he has rendered during this term.

I should like to welcome new members, however small their interest may be. We meet every Thursday at 12.30 p.m. in Physics II.

C. M. CUMMINGS, *Hon. Sec.*

Canoe Club

An Easter Training Meet was held on the River Thames and twenty nine took part, the very large majority being complete beginners. The party assembled at Bisham Abbey, and after spending the first half day on basic training set off upstream for Wallingford. The basic training covered the correct way to carry and launch a canoe, to embark and disembark, to leave and approach the landing stage, to paddle forwards, backwards and sideways, and in general handle the canoe reasonably efficiently.

Each evening the canoes were left on the river bank in the care of two boys who volunteered to camp, and the rest of the party made their way to the nearest Youth Hostel for the night. The hostels used were those at Henley and Streatley, and the day's stint was about twelve miles on the upward journey and nearer to twenty miles on the downstream section. Lunch halts were invariably enlivened by boisterous ball games, and the whole trip was blessed with perfect weather. As the leader of the meet I felt proud of my party both in their paddling and behaviour, they were a credit to the School.

The party included guests from a number of other schools, including North London Collegiate, Henrietta Barnett, Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, Whitgift, Friends' School, Saffron Walden.

Another canoeing group led by Spencer and O'Brien made a strenuous journey down the rivers Rother and Arun in West Sussex, starting at Petersfield and finishing at Littlehampton. In the upper reaches the water was low and river rather overgrown, and a submerged stake led to one canoe being so damaged that a long session with needle, thread and Bostick was need to deal with the four foot rip. All the members claim to have enjoyed themselves, though we suspect that it was more enjoyable in retrospect than at the time. They certainly learnt quite a lot about the

hazards of the less frequented waterways.

The Summer Holiday Tour will be on the River Severn, and a party of about thirty-two will descend from Welshpool to Gloucester, a distance of about 130 miles. This will be the most ambitious effort of the School Club, or in fact of any School Club, and throughout the tour each member will carry full lightweight camping kit and be self supporting. Part of the Summer Term activity of the Club will be devoted to the planning of the tour and some will need to be taught the fundamentals of camping. As with the other canoe trips arranged by the Club, a number of guests have been invited to come along, and have accepted.

The Eskimo Kayak which has been under construction for some time has been completed and is being used for teaching the art of "Eskimo Rolling" in the Bath. This is used by the Eskimo to right himself when capsized at sea, and one of the values of acquiring the skill is that the fine control achieved makes a capsize less likely. When danger threatens the canoeist is able to take immediate and almost instinctive corrective action.

J. W. D.

Chess

The School has been awarded the British Chess Federation's Shield for the most successful School team.

Our pleasure in beating Athenaeum (at our third attempt) was enhanced by the fact that this victory took us out of the local into the zonal competition—for which only 16 teams in the country can qualify—while our chagrin at losing to Lud-Eagle in this is somewhat tempered by the reflection that, in the solitary game which we won, Fuller had the satisfaction of beating Miss Sunnucks who had been selected for England and was second in the British Ladies' championship. Lipton has been selected for England's Juniors against Wales, Scotland and Ireland in the Glorney Cup Championship, as was Farrand last year. This year none of our first three players is eligible.

The results of this season may be summarised as follows:—

INTER-SCHOOLS MATCHES

LONDON SCHOOLS' CHESS LEAGUE

H.A.H.S.	v.	Wilson's Grammar School	Won	4½—1½
H.A.H.S.	v.	St. Clement Dane's School	Won	4—2
H.A.H.S.	v.	Highgate School	Won	3½—2½
H.A.H.S.	v.	Willesden County School	Won	4—2
H.A.H.S.	v.	William Ellis School	Drawn	3—3
H.A.H.S.	v.	Westminster City School	Won	4½—1½
H.A.H.S.	v.	City of London School	Won	3½—2½

Semi-Final v. William Ellis School, Lost 2—4.

FINCHLEY AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS' LEAGUE

H.A.H.S.	v.	Christ's College, Finchley	Drawn	3—3
H.A.H.S.	v.	William Ellis School	Lost	1½—4½
H.A.H.S.	v.	Woodhouse Grammar School	Won	4½—1½
H.A.H.S.	v.	Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	Won	4½—1½
H.A.H.S.	v.	Tollington School (Seniors)	Won	5—1
H.A.H.S.	v.	Finchley Catholic Grammar School	Won	4—2

FRIENDLY MATCHES

H.A.H.S.	v.	Tollington School (Juniors)	Won	4—2
H.A.H.S.	v.	Kilburn Grammar School	Won	4—2

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Round	H.A.H.S.	v.	B.B.C.	Won	4—2
2nd	„	H.A.H.S.	v.	Athenaeum	Won 3½—2½
3rd	„	H.A.H.S.	v.	Lud-Eagle	Lost 5—1

The next round would have been the quarter-final. Thus, by beating Athenaeum, which has been established for about seventy years, we finished among the sixteen strongest clubs in the country.

POSTAL CHESS

As this was our first entry in the competition of the Junior Postal Chess League, we were placed in the Second Division. We won the trophy board and shall therefore be in the First Division next season.

For these impressive results the School's heartiest thanks are due to J. T. Farrand and A. Hall, who for three years have so successfully shared the offices of Captain and Honorary Secretary.

It is our earnest hope that this standard will be maintained, if not improved upon, next year, under their respective successors, E. J. O'Brien and D. W. Curtis.

The following have been members of the team this year:—Farrand, Hall, O'Brien, Lipton, Fuller, A. E., Wheal, Tarlow.

A. W. G.

Christian Union

It has now become a regular thing for the Union to hold well over 20 meetings each term; and this was no exception, although we decided not to have another "campaign" series just yet. In general, the Monday meetings have awakened much interest, and the few boys who meet for fellowship on Thursdays have found real benefit in prayer together.

As Christians who welcome inquirers, we are glad to raise questions as well as to answer them; and several of the Spring sessions have ended "in the air," with the responsibility for further thought and decision resting on those present. We touched on the problem of "Psychology and the Christian," there was some straight talking by Rev. Lewis Watson on the question of gambling;

and a talk by the Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society provoked a very vigorous discussion. There has been a missionary emphasis too, not only in talks from men working in such missions as the Bible Society, but in the films we have seen. "Kenji Comes Home" showed the conflict of Christian democracy and Communism in post-war Japan; colour slides gave us "A Visit to Israel," where Christian workers are living with Jews in their new national struggle, and "Frontier Interlude" (shown to about 75 boys at our final Monday meeting) presented the hard struggle of Christianity in the Moslem province riddled with blood-feuds which lies north of Pakistan.

Several "special" meetings were held. A party from the Haberdashers' Girls' School at Acton met with us for our Society Tea on March 1st, when the Rev. John Miller of the S.C.M. in Schools spoke very well about the intellectual exploration of our faith. On April 1st, just after the end of term, 30 boys went up to Harringay together to hear Dr. Billy Graham. Also during the Easter holidays, a group of members met in conference together to discuss the Union's past and future. Though it has not been mentioned in earlier reports, this was in fact the third conference of its kind and it meant deeper faith and friendship as well as valuable planning. On this occasion, the leadership of the Union was handed over; and we pray that the new leaders, D. J. Ward and A. B. White, may be strengthened in their service. The Union will grow and extend in following Him who leads us all.

R. E. JEFFORD.

M. J. PRINGLE.

"The Christmas Islanders"

During the Autumn Term last year a series of papers was read and discussed by the Society under the heading of "Modern Literature." The last of these took place on the 26th November and was an excellently prepared and fully documented paper delivered by R. E. Jefford on "Modern Poetic Drama." This literary medium, it was pointed out, had undergone a considerable revival amongst both critics and poets and members were able to assess the achievements already made and consider the possibilities for the future of such poets as T. S. Eliot and Christopher Fry.

The first meeting of the Spring Term held on January 28th was a Members' Night at which original works were offered for the criticism of the members. Two poems by M. Lipton and S. P. R. Rose were read by their authors and discussed at length. O'Brien played recordings of three original piano compositions and briefly explained the methods by which composers conceived their works. It was interesting to discover that there was general agreement upon the relative merits of the pieces. Finally S. P. R. Rose exhibited several interesting oil paintings of an experimental nature. The work of these enterprising contributors proved very

stimulating and such meetings should in future become an outlet for the literary and artistic abilities of members.

On February 25th G. B. Binding gave a paper entitled "Music and its Appreciation," which he illustrated at the piano and on gramophone records. By analysing the components of music and relating these to particular works he attempted to show that preferences in music are not entirely arbitrary. In spite of the range of his subject Binding marshalled his material in a way which was interesting and informative.

The last meeting of the term was a talk given by Mr. W. F. Barling on "Modern Trends in Thought—with particular reference to Existentialism." This proved a lucid exposition of the philosophy of Jean-Paul-Sartre and others. Following his talk Mr. Barling represented the Existentialist view-point in a critical discussion which showed the speakers' skill in presenting his case objectively and the interest the talk had aroused. Mr. Barling ended by saying that whatever the members' opinion of Existentialism might be, he hoped the discussion of its problems would lead them to consider more deeply their attitudes to moral questions.

A joint visit by the School Dramatic Society and "The Christmas Islanders" to a production of the "Tempest" at the Old Vic Theatre was arranged for May 6th. It is hoped at a subsequent meeting of the Society to discuss the Old Vic production, which should prove of especial interest to those concerned with the recent School production of the play.

A. G. RICHARDSON.

Debating Society

At the beginning of the Autumn Term the House recommenced with a debate on the Report of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment. During debate the Report was likened to a sugar mouse and all murderers were declared to be insane. Mr. Lipton then successfully moved a motion condemning Mr. Oliver Lyttelton's idea of colonial policy. The outstanding statement made here was "Mr. Lyttelton thought he saw red, and has turned thousands red by doing so." The Society then turned its attention to world federation. The general opinion seemed to be that this was only likely to happen if a flying saucer which actually came from Mars were to land, and that it certainly would not preserve world civilisation.

Two inter-school debates were held during this term. The first debate was with the Haberdashers' Acton Girls School, the motion being "That this House believes that the advance of science can only lead to world famine." Two main arguments were employed, one dealing with a famine of ideas, the other with the absence of a food famine. One speaker propounded his idea of the existence of a relationship between famine and television,

whilst another declared that a man without ideas would soon die, thus easing any food shortage. After a statement that "God will provide" the motion was rejected.

The second debate was at Copthall County School. The motion was "That this House believes that this modern age is not civilised," and was rejected by a narrow margin.

The Spring Term was heralded by a debate during which it was decided that the Scout Movement was not undesirable. The Society then progressed to the serious topic of an impending slump. The House seemed to be agreed that a slump was inevitable but was undecided about ways of minimizing its effects.

The final debate of the term dealt with the return to the Crown of its former possessions in France. This debate produced many humorous references ranging from John o'Gaunt, Durham wife-beaters, and the C.C.F. to the Law of Gravity and the practical possibilities of swimming a Channel full of atomic bombs belonging to the peace loving powers.

We wish to thank Mr. White for his continued interest as patron, Mr. Ricci, for his interest during his stay here, and all the other people who have made debating possible. We would remind those who have not yet sampled School debating that it is extremely enjoyable and that newcomers are always welcome.

M. E. BROWN, *Hon. Sec.*

Jazz Club

The Jazz Club has met regularly throughout this term on Mondays, during the lunch-hour. The meetings have generally consisted of programmes of modern jazz records, but there were two meetings on definite subjects. One, intended to give some of the best examples of British jazz, was well-attended by followers of both trends of jazz. The other was presented by Cedar and was made up of examples of traditional jazz. This attracted the largest attendance of the term. Steps are being taken to try and make meetings of traditional enthusiasts as regular as those of the modernists. These meetings were mostly given by the Secretary and Hedges, with small loans of records by various members.

L. B. JOSEPH, *Hon. Sec.*

Motor Enthusiasts' Club (M.E.C.)

During the latter half of the Spring Term, the club held several film shows, which met with great success. For the films we were indebted to the Owen Organisation, and Shell-Mex B.P. Ltd.

Owing to the popularity of these films, the Summer Term's programme deals with the story of the famous B.R.M. told in a series of five films to be shown weekly. These will be followed by many other exciting films on motoring, racing and motoring interests.

We are very grateful to Mr. A. P. Rouse for the many informative lectures he gave during the earlier weeks of the Spring Term. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Appleby and to A. Kaulins for kindly operating the projector.

We welcome new members to join us and enjoy every Monday lunch hour seeing international racing at its finest.

Natural History Society

INDOOR MEETINGS

A total of eleven films was shown during the year, all but one of them in colour. A wide variety of topics was covered and the films on venomous snakes, the life histories of insects and Australian flora and fauna were among the best ever seen at these meetings.

A report of the Society's annual tea (held in March) and sent in by a member of the Society, appears at the end of these notes.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

Field meetings were held during the year at a number of localities including Staines, Elstree, Barn Elms and Stanmore. In all, over 90 of the commoner species of birds were seen at these meetings.

On February 21st., 11 members of the Society visited the Essex marshes, south of the Blackwater estuary. The weather was favourable and a large number of species was seen including Twite, Snow Bunting, Merlin, Hen Harrier, Brent Goose, Scaup-duck and Common Scoter. It was a really excellent day's bird-watching and all agreed that the visit was well worth while.

BRENT RESERVOIR DUCK SURVEY

Throughout the year regular fortnightly meetings have been held at the reservoir. At the beginning of the season the Society was invited to count the duck on the reservoir for the International Wildfowl Inquiry Committee and we now do this once a month, for eight months of the year.

It has been a good year for the rarer species, and of these mention should be made of the Great Grey Shrike, Slavonian Grebe and Goldeneye. Although the Smew were not quite so numerous this year, over seventy birds of this species were seen on one occasion in February. The remarkable flocking of Dabchicks, recorded at only one reservoir in southern England, again occurred in the Autumn and at one time over 110 of these grebes were present on the reservoir.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Small for his continued advice and assistance, to Mr. Payne for allowing us to use the Physics Lecture Theatre and to Mr. Appleby and Kaulins, our film projectionists.

J. C. LORD, *Hon Sec.*

ANNUAL TEA

Some 30 members came to our annual tea on March 11th, 1954, which, since Miss Savill had provided it, was, of course a very good one and was much appreciated by all. At the masters' table our President, Mr. Small, entertained the Headmaster and Mr. Cooper, whom we were very pleased to welcome as our guests.

Tea over, the party adjourned to see two films, one of which provided beautifully coloured views of Australian wild life while the other showed examples of animal camouflage. In between came a short quiz devised and conducted by our President, which ranged over many aspects of natural history from cabbages to Tasmanian devils. The winners, Layland and Gray, received book souvenirs of the occasion from the Quizmaster.

After the Headmaster had expressed his appreciation of the entertainment, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Kaulins who showed the films, and a well deserved round of applause to the Society's Hon. Secretary, J. C. Lord, to whose efforts the successful programme had largely been due.

Printing Notes

Since our predecessor, A. L. Barton, last entered a report a year ago, work has continued at a steady rate, and although only one afternoon per week is available for printing not once have we failed to produce an item of work on time. Nevertheless, the programmes both for "The Tempest" and for "The Mikado" were made available at the eleventh hour, although the typographical standard did not, we hope, suffer.

Throughout 1953 much work was done by unauthorized persons, both for semi-official and private purposes, and much of the type involved was not distributed by the users. Accordingly at the end of the year a set of rules was laid down governing the running of the press—in consequence printing has this year been greatly facilitated.

The machine is now nearly twenty years old, and although its lack of modernity is apparent it is still capable of good output. We would like to express our thanks to Messrs. Keevil and Hickman for their advice and to Mr. Dudderidge for providing us with an assistant, M. J. Hitchcock. Finally, we must say that we are deeply indebted to M. J. Pringle, whose help has on so many occasions proved invaluable.

P. D. LEWIS.
M. J. LONG.

Careers

I am grateful to a number of parents who have helped by giving advice and information to boys this term—particularly to Mr. Lee, Mr. Fielder and Mr. Ridge. I should still welcome offers of help of this sort from Old Haberdashers and parents. Banking is the only profession adequately covered so far.

Old Haberdashers may like to be reminded that they are welcome to consult the Public Schools Appointments Bureau on return from military service or at any time up to the age of 25; contact may be made either direct or through me.

J.Mc.N

On March 8th, 1954, about 300 parents met in the School Hall for the first of what it is hoped will be a series of meetings to discuss careers.

The Headmaster introduced the three speakers, Mr. J. R. Newman, an old Haberdasher and a Director of Bourne and Hollingsworth; Mr. H. A. L. Cockerell, Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Insurance; and Mr. A. D. Bonham-Carter, a Director of Unilever.

Mr. Bonham-Carter spoke on Careers in Industry, basing his talk on his own experience with Unilever, one of the biggest industrial groups in the world. He referred to the changes of atmosphere within Industry in the last 20 years where the incentive of fear—fear of “the sack”—had largely disappeared and management were seeking to create the incentive of interest in the job. This, together with rapid technical development, had made the task of management more difficult and more complex and had led to the need of proper “training for management.” So Industry wanted a share of the best ability—this did not necessarily mean the graduate with first-class honours. Character and personality were as important as—sometimes more important than—academic distinction.

Generally speaking the openings fall under one of three broad headings:—

1. Production—for which some scientific knowledge is usually required.
2. Marketing—i.e. selling or advertising.
3. Commercial—buying, transport, accountancy etc.

It was obvious that in the past parents had felt objections to their sons going in to Industry. What were the main objections? Was one of them that Industry could not tell a new-comer where he would be in 10 years' time? True enough, Safety First was not a good motto in this case: a boy must be prepared to back himself.

Was another objection the old belief that moral standards in business were low? That was a belief of ignorance anyway and Industry had no more skeletons in its cupboard than any other walk

of life. Industry offered a challenge to the young man who believed in himself—with interesting careers, satisfaction by serving fellow men—that is always to be found in plenty by the leaders in Industry—and adequate financial rewards.

Mr. Cockerell then spoke on Insurance. This he defined as a "parents' career", rather than a boys' one, partly because boys had little idea of the nature of insurance work. He made it clear that it was never a question for our type of boy of selling policies from door to door—nor was it a question of great office drudgery, since the employment of girls and the use of machines largely cut that out nowadays.

The work to be done was in one of a number of different fields—marine, accident, life, fire, and so on—in the large multiple companies, or in brokers' firms, many connected with Lloyd's. Work was indoor or outdoor, and there was some chance of overseas work, especially in Commonwealth countries.

A boy who has four passes including English and Maths, or any five including English Language, would be exempt from the Preliminary Exam. For success a boy should have honesty, integrity, mental stamina, determination and patience; a boy's participation in school life out of the classroom was often an important factor.

Work inside the office might be on policies, claims, investment of funds, property management, accountancy. Outside work might be as Inspector of Agents, Branch or Agency Manager, Fire Surveyor, or Claims Inspector. For outstanding mathematicians the profession of Actuary offered very good prospects indeed; but it demanded an arduous training.

Salaries were good, there was less chance of favouritism than in almost any other job, and as one of the country's biggest earners of foreign currency, insurance offered a job of national importance.

Mr. Newman spoke on Careers in Commerce, emphasising that he was speaking from his own experience, since commerce embraced so many diverse activities.

He emphasised the importance of commerce to this country and spoke not about the specialists in commerce, Accountants, Lawyers, Architects and so forth, but about what he called the ordinary trader. The requirements for a good trader were intelligence, not too academic, good health, good mixing with his fellowmen, imagination and enthusiasm for hard work. There was no correct age for starting, it depended on the individual.

A degree gave no automatic assurance of success. It should, of course, help people but only in so far as they have a better trained mind and a broader outlook.

His own firm like most others ran a training scheme. It was of approximately two years' duration and designed to give a general business knowledge which would be of use in any commercial

firm. A student moved into all departments of the business, gaining a general knowledge of merchandise, display, advertising, staff control and store management. He was most likely to be appointed an Assistant Buyer, and later a Buyer, if satisfactory, and later on, of course, any management job that fell vacant would be open to him.

Rewards in commerce were generally much higher than in Science, Banking, and many professions, but they depended on results. There was no limit to what a successful trader could earn, but to do so he must maintain his efficiency and imaginative outlook all the time.

It was not a precarious career as was often believed. Years of good experience with a reputable firm were a passport to better jobs with other firms and to-day those successful in commerce were much sought after. If a boy had sound common sense, was keen and confident, and looked for excitement in his business career, then commerce could supply it.

In the discussion after the speeches, several points were dealt with. On the question of security of employment Mr. Cockerell claimed that insurance could be proud of its record. Mr. Newman felt that what had happened in the past in commerce was not necessarily a pattern for the future. In his experience good people never had any difficulty in getting or keeping a job. Mr. Bonham-Carter felt that it was not a cause for worry.

On National Service, Insurance Companies were stated to be willing to recruit either before or after, while Mr. Bonham-Carter thought that it was best done before University or employment, but Mr. Newman suggested that it was often a good thing to get some experience in a job before doing it.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speakers.

School Library

During the Spring Term one or two new librarians were appointed to fill up the gaps left by the departure of M. Miller and M. J. Lewis: the latter had done particularly valuable work in the English Section. Much of the term's work was mere routine-checking in and out and keeping the shelves reasonably tidy-but even this can be made unnecessarily difficult by thoughtless people who find it too much of an effort to return books and magazines to their proper places.

Any boy leaving at the end of the term who wishes, according to the long established tradition, to present a book to the library can consult us at any time as to a suitable choice.

We are grateful to the following for the gift of books:—Messrs. D. J. Small, A. G. Davies, (O.H.), M. J. Lewis, (O.H.).

M. F. NEALE, *School Librarian.*

The Mikado

by W. S. GILBERT AND A. SULLIVAN.

Presented by the School Operatic Society

(by kind permission of Bridget D'Oyley Carte)

in the School Hall on March 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 1954.

CAST

THE MIKADO OF JAPAN	M. Sarner
NANKI-POO (<i>his son, disguised as a wandering minstrel, and in love with Yum-Yum</i>)	G. A. D. Phillips, Esq.
KO-KO (<i>Lord High Executioner of Titipu</i>)	R. E. Jefford
POO-BAH (<i>Lord High Everything Else</i>)	R. Keevil Esq.
PISH-TUSH (<i>a Noble Lord</i>)	J. Browning Esq.
YUM-YUM } <i>Three Sisters</i>	D. P. Gilby
PITTI-SING } <i>Wards of</i>	J. A. Darby
PEEP-BO } <i>Ko-Ko</i>	A. R. Freeman
KATISHA (<i>an Elderly Lady, in love with Nanki Poo</i>)	M. J. Pringle
ATTENDANT TO KO-KO	P. S. Lawson

CHORUS OF SCHOOLGIRLS

M. Anderson, A. Brown, D. W. Bulstrode, R. Cattle, R. S. Deakin, C. Evans,
J. M. Henson, M. A. Hollington, S. J. Hollis, R. G. Howe, A. J. Leech, J. Little-
wood, D. J. Lovatt, B. Morris, B. Pascoe, M. Read, D. Ridge, G. Shepard,
I. Smart, H. Sprott, C. St. John, S. O. Whittam.

CHORUS OF NOBLES

Messrs. Baber, Brown, Dodds, Elphick, Hood-Daniel, Sexton, L. G. Beddison,
M. J. Ive, I. D. Irving, L. D. Nice, A. J. Sluce, D. J. Ward.

Act 1. COURT-YARD OF KO-KO'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE.

Act II .KO-KO'S GARDEN.

PRODUCER	J. G. White Esq.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Dr. E. A. McLellan
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A Gilbert and Sullivan opera is in many ways a curious affair. The authors comment upon every conceivable weakness and paradox of the individual and of their own society, and present these comments on the framework of a highly incongruous tale, decorated with a local colour which borders upon the "fancy-dress." A stilted dialogue, containing a number of heavy and laboured jokes, links the songs and choruses, and there is no consistency of style or intention at any level. Yet these comic operas are enjoyed by people of widely differing tastes, and their acceptability is more than a matter of good tunes.

The fact is that the incongruous bones of the framework are made so obvious, that to talk of incongruity is clearly irrelevant. By not pretending to anything they become something. When we see Japanese characters singing a rather melancholy four-part madrigal, the obvious questions do not occur to us. There is, however, no question of farce; we seem to go beyond the incongruity and arrive at a point where we make some serious consideration of the madrigal as such. It is this curiously elusive movement which constitutes the particular flavours of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, and it is the job of production to see that it is preserved.

The School production of "The Mikado" was undertaken by the performers with an immense enthusiasm, which by itself would have ensured success. The audience was firmly forced into enjoying the fun by the lively attitude of those on the stage. Yet to suggest that it was all done by bravado would be grossly unfair. The uncertainty with which any audience faces non-professional singing was quickly dispelled by performances which were seldom below competent, and more usually very good. The cast must have found very helpful the assured attack of Mr. G. A. D. Phillips, an old boy of the School, upon the role of Nanki-

Poo. He had a voice of good quality and a confident knowledge of the part, although at times his interpretation was slightly too sentimental for us to appreciate the pointed ambiguity of his melancholic songs. D. P. Gilby played Yum-Yum with considerable charm and sang with an ease which often belied the real difficulties of such a part for a young boy. Her sisters, Pitti-Sing and Peep-Bo, were played very adequately by J. A. Darby and A. R. Freeman, although their comparative heights left one a little uneasy at times. Mr. J. Browning managed the part of Pish-Tush, which has not great scope, with care, and, having successfully gauged the position of the part in the whole, played it with delightful modesty.

When we consider the more highly comic characters, we must emphasize that "The Mikado" is not a farce. Second, for the amateur, the successful creation of comic characters does not depend upon uncontrolled spontaneity, but upon the most carefully considered use of intonation, movement, and facial expression. M. Sarner, as the Mikado, had realized this, and several encores gave us practical proof that he knew exactly what he was doing. His mature voice and intelligently comic emphasis made his performance one of the most satisfactory of the evening. Mr. R. Keevil, as Poo-Bah, also had much of his part well considered, although a little less movement, particularly of his head, would have made him more disdainful and "noble." His singing was as assured as usual, but he did not seem quite happy portraying haughtiness.

In R. E. Jefford, as Ko-Ko, and M. J. Pringle, as Katisha, we have the less satisfying comedy. Jefford has obviously an innate sense of the comic which, when controlled by words and music, came over. Yet particularly in the dialogue this disintegrated most disturbingly, with a resulting extreme of spontaneity with which one could only partly sympathise. Pringle sang a most convincing falsetto, with a good dramatic musical sense. Yet, although the stage direction says, "Enter Katisha melodramatically," his extreme facial reaction to events around him and his exaggerated hand movement made him sometimes not melodramatic, but almost silly.

It is, however, when we consider the high quality of the chorus and orchestra that the immensity of the task of producing such an opera becomes apparent. If we say that sometimes there was a rough passage or a lack of the ideal balance of which we spoke earlier, it must be remembered that the greatest part of the work was done after School hours by both masters and boys. The great success of the production is a real tribute to Mr. J. G. White and Dr. E. A. McLellan, who together organised what must often have seemed a hopeless hotch-potch of odds-and-ends into a satisfying and enjoyable evening's entertainment.

G. B. B.

Andromaque

On March 25th a party from the School, made up of members of the Staff and Sixth Formers, attended an afternoon performance at Pinner County School of Racine's great tragedy "Andromaque," given in French. It would not be uncomplimentary to say that all our expectations were far surpassed by this production, for not only were we privileged to witness some excellent acting but were also able to gain a good impression of the way in which such a tragedy was played in the seventeenth century.

In many ways "Andromaque" is admirably suited to the purpose of a School production, for it is the acting and the acting alone that is responsible for the success of the play. The seventeenth century tragedians had to conform to such stringent rules that no violent physical action was allowed on the stage; therefore, the way in which the verse is spoken assumes a high importance, the lines themselves being more declamatory than conversational—a fine opportunity for the actor. Mr. Shocket the producer thoroughly trained his cast to speak their lines distinctly, even at the height of passion, but at the same time with a complete understanding of their meaning and dramatic significance. The simple flight of steps, rising between sets of curtains to the back of the stage was used to good advantage in giving extra stature and dignity to the characters at the required moments.

It was obvious to everyone in the audience that the play had been well rehearsed, for not only were all the actors word perfect but their movements about the stage were accomplished with the ease and confidence that comes only of long and patient practice. The main characters, Andromaque, Pyrrhus, Hermione and Oreste, and the latter in particular, all possessed good accents, again a tribute to the producer's patient training. It was in all respects a production that was simple in its staging but of a very high standard in acting and diction.

M. F. N.

Away to Winter in Switzerland

The Continental Express leaves London each day at 12.30 p.m. At Christmas and the New Year, it is a crowded but happy train packed with skiers who have been impatiently awaiting this moment, when they can escape once more to the sparkling Alpine snow-fields.

So it was on January 3rd. That day, however, it meant something special and very real to myself and a small party of boys and a master; for we were part of this happy crowd, and like them were eagerly anticipating a ski-ing holiday in mountain snow and sunshine.

Unfortunately, as we neared Folkestone the weather steadily deteriorated, which resulted in an extremely uncomfortable crossing.

Bodies and bursting baggage were hurled helplessly across the slippery decks of the twisting ship, and it was a rather pale and bedraggled party that assembled on the Calais quayside. Once in the somewhat austere comfort of the French train, however, recovery was rapid.

And so on,—on across France to Basle. Switzerland at last! Basle, that city of hurried breakfasts, the sorting office where tourists accumulate before being redistributed throughout Europe. The train drew in at 5 a.m.—dead on time. We must have had heavy snow through France, for as we walked the length of the platform, thus passing from France into Switzerland, I noticed snow and ice plastered over the windows and roofs of the sleek coaches.

After a delightful breakfast, the party split up, but it was too cold to venture much beyond the station boundaries. At this early hour only the kiosks were open where postcards, sweets and chocolates were bought.

By 7.30, the party was once more installed, this time in a Swiss train. Outside Basle, snow lay quite thickly, but it was not until after Berne that the sublime scenery of the Bernese Oberland came within view. As we raced along the shores of Lake Thun on the floor of the valley, we saw for the first time the famous three pronged skyline of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. At Interlaken, we changed trains and while we climbed on up through Wildersarl to Lauterbrunnen we gazed in wonder at the turquoise green of the melted snow forming small streams that gurgled happily down the valley, and the exquisite beauty of the frozen waterfalls high on the sheer rock face above.

With Lauterbrunnen came another change, this time to the wonderful Wengernalp Railway. Across the valley we could see Mürren the highest village in the Oberland. There are no corridors on the Wengernalp Railway trains, and we were amused to find that the ticket collector clammers nimbly from carriage to carriage along the running board on the outside of the train.

At last, we reached Wengen, where there was just time for a quick look round and a hot chocolate in the "Eiger Bar," before leaving for the twenty minute journey up to Wengernalp. The train, essentially a "sports-train," was very full, not only with bronzed skiers, but also with their gleaming ski-sticks, bright colours, and carefree chatter. Many skiers got out at Wengernalp, where we arrived at 1.30, to make the thrilling descent to Wengen over the "Bumps."

Wengernalp itself lies at an altitude of 6,145 ft. and consists of only a station, one shop and a hotel. It is ideally situated for ski-ing, having numerous descents of varying difficulty to Wengen, a huge run, and of course the railway up to Scheidegg, where there is a small ice rink, and the famous Lauberhorn Ski-lift.



SKI-ING PARTY IN SWITZERLAND



EXCHANGE PARTY IN GERMANY
with the Mayor of Emden (centre)

After a good salad lunch at the hotel, the whole party went up to Scheidegg to hire skis and boots and have them fitted. In the ski-shop we were also introduced to our very fine instructor, Hans. Apparently he had also taught the first H.A.H.S. Winter Sports party when they visited Scheidegg five years ago. Everyone, especially those who had skied before, was very eager to ski back down to the hotel that afternoon. However, Hans pointed out that it would be foolish to risk a broken limb on the first day before loosening up the muscles on the nursery slopes. Consequently, we placed our skis on the special truck at the front of the train and caught the 4.31 p.m. back down to Wengernalp.

That evening after dinner, apfelsaft, and in some cases 'glühwein,' we met our fellow guests, most of whom were Swiss girls in a large party on a Slalom course. We retired to bed early after giving a rousing display of the Hokey-Cokey which seemed to please our Swiss friends enormously.

Exactly half the party had skied before at Saas-Fée, but the beginners made such good progress that it was possible to make our first trip down to Wengen on the second afternoon. As Hans had to attend a funeral that day, we did the run with Peter, a 16 year old ski instructor, under whose guidance we had skied without sticks and performed many other "stunts" that morning. Although the trip took nearly 2 hours, we were unanimous in that for sheer beauty, exhilaration and thrill of speed, the run to Wengen would take a lot of beating.

During the evening, there was a film show. Several of the cartoons were in English, but the main feature,—the Winter Olympics at Oslo, was in German. Consequently, despite desperate attempts at translation by Heppner, it became both tedious and aggravating.

After having explored what lay below us the previous afternoon, we decided to take the train up to Scheidegg the following morning. Here we practised our stem turns, Christianias and side slips to left and right, ("*keep zee right ski vell forward,*") on the sunny slopes of the Lauberhorn. It had been arranged for us to have lunch at the Belle Vue at Scheidegg, thus enabling us to ascend to Fallboden in the early afternoon and ski from there straight down to Wengernalp.

In spite of the sunny morning, by the time we returned to the hotel it was quite damp and misty. What a difference the sun makes to the enjoyment of ski-ing!

The so called "shy British" again led the floor after dinner that evening, this time with a Conga, which Lyle skilfully led between the tables and twirled through the revolving doors. A very successful evening ended at 11 o'clock with the Swiss girls joining in "Auld Lang Syne,"

The damp misty weather did not improve on the following day. Although the mist deprived us of the scenery and sunshine, we still had the snow, and practice continued on the nursery slopes opposite the hotel. After lunch it was decided to ski down to Wengen again. On this occasion we cut our previous time by half, taking just under an hour. However, the experts can do this 6 mile run in 7 minutes. In Wengen, the party split up into small groups to visit the fascinating shops and cafes, but the unfavourable rate of exchange prevented us from doing full justice to the beautiful goods displayed in the windows.

Back at the hotel the evening was spent idly playing cards, sampling Swiss wine, practising German with Erna (one of the waitresses), dancing, or merely listening to the accordion music.

Next day was the Lauberhorn ski-race, one of the most important events in the ski-ing calender. After a morning on the nursery slopes where we made a miniature slalom course, we set off for the "Bumps" in glorious sunshine to watch the race. Then, after most of the competitors had flashed by, on we went down to Wengen for a steaming jug of chocolate and cream. Nearly all the party spent the time in Wengen buying presents and badges in the "Fabrikation" shop or in Molitors, the famous ski-shop. Both the ice and curling rinks were very crowded, everyone taking advantage of the superb sunshine. We left Wengen at 4.30 p.m. and arrived back at the hotel just in time to hear the English football results. It appears that the hotel manager is a "Ham," (an amateur wireless enthusiast) and besides having his own transmitting station possesses also several powerful receiving sets hidden away in obscure places, including one under the sink behind the bar. Before adjourning for bed that evening, most of the party had a lengthy conversation with Konrad (affectionately known as "Jack" to us). He told us that he actually comes from Hamburg and hopes to work eventually in one of the big West-End hotels. Judging from the charming and efficient service he gave us, he should do well wherever he goes.

The weather deteriorated so much during the night that it was impossible to go up the Lauberhorn Ski-lift the following day as arranged. Instead, we had to content ourselves practising "Christies" on the nursery slopes, to the accompaniment of distant avalanches crashing down from the Jungfrau. In spite of a heavy snowfall during lunch, we decided to make the trip down to Wengen once more that afternoon. Visibility was down to a few yards most of the way and we all had our fair share of falls over the "Bumps." However, we did the trip in 30 mins., a big improvement on our first effort of 2 hours. The blizzard continued while we were in Wengen, and most of us sought refuge in the congenial atmosphere of the cafes before returning on the 3.30 p.m. train.

It continued to snow all the evening and by the next morning we were completely snowed up. All trace of the railway had gone and snow lay 4 feet deep on the station roof,—it had been cleared only the day before. Great excitement was caused when the snowplough eventually came up throwing the snow high to one side. It did not reach Scheidegg, however, for about a quarter of an hour later it returned forlornly down the line to Wengen.

It was impossible to ski at all that day, and most of the time was spent playing "canasta." At lunch time there was serious talk of our having to stay on an extra day at the hotel, as we were due to leave the following day. The weather showed no signs of breaking at all, and in one spell after lunch it snowed one foot in an hour. Although we did not know it at the time, this was our share of the great snow-storms and avalanches that paralysed the Alps early in January.

The hotel was by now completely cut off and had to exist as a self contained unit. We realized now that our departure the following day was highly unlikely, and the chances seemed even more remote when it was announced on the English news that evening that eighteen people had been killed when an avalanche had struck a train at Lauterbrunnen. On the same news broadcast, we heard of the Comet's crash over Elba. The only thing that cheered the depression was the possibility of staying in Switzerland an extra day.

The evening seemed to drag by lifelessly. The Swiss girls had departed on the previous day, and the only other guests were an English family with two small children. The boredom was relieved only by a group of rather elated Swiss skiers who set off for Wengen late at night after having spent the day at the bar.

We had been due to take our Ski-Tests for the various badges that day, but as this was impossible, Major Hewson kindly suggested that those who had not already got the Bronze-Badge at Saas-Fée should draw lots for a Scheidegg-Blue that he had won some years before. Leverton was the lucky boy, and he was assured by Hans that he, and all the rest of the party, were well up to the standard required for the test.

Next day, at breakfast, we seemed to be on "iron rations," having only vitamin biscuits and chocolate. It continued to snow hard all the morning and the chances of our getting away that day seemed extremely slender. It was a comforting thought that one of the party had brought his full £50 allowance with him with which he would no doubt have footed the bill, (temporarily, of course), should we have to stay on an extra few days.

Then suddenly, at lunch time, the snow stopped, and the manager announced that an attempt would be made to send a snowplough up to get us away that afternoon. This was met with mixed feelings. Some were getting weary of being confined and

cut-off, but most of us were half hoping that the attempt with the snowplough would be doomed to dismal failure.

However, at about 3 o'clock the snowplough crept slowly by, straining its very vitals in an effort to throw the snow some 100ft. to the side of the line. Slowly it progressed towards Scheidegg. This meant that we would be leaving in about an hour when it returned, so our luggage was deposited on a large sledge and sent down to the station.

After tea and biscuits provided gratis by the manageress, we signed the visitors' book and paid our tributes to the first-class food and service we had received during our stay. The personal touch, so often lacking in modern hotels, truly abounded here, and the friendliness and consideration shown by the staff cannot be too highly praised.

As we said our last goodbyes, the industrious little accordionist nostalgically played "Auf-Wiedersehen," which we all sang lustily. Then, out into the deep snow and down to the station where we all piled into the one carriage train that had followed the snowplough down from Scheidegg.

On the way down to Lauterbrunnen, we noticed huge cracks or faults in the snow showing where avalanches would soon occur; in some places the earth showed through under many feet of snow. When we changed trains at Lauterbrunnen, it was nearly dark and by the time we reached Interlaken it was completely so. At Basle, most of the party had a good meal and got well stocked up with refreshments for the 12 hour train journey to Calais, before setting out to explore the town. Suggestions were made that we should cross the frontier into Germany and back again, but as none of us knew the exact way and only a few had the required visa, this plan was eventually abandoned. Consequently we just walked at random and eventually became involved in a complicated series of back-streets. Many led into mews and squares through great arches and colonnades that seemed more like an imaginative film set for a "spy" drama than the real thing.

There was a huge crush to get through the Swiss Customs and on to the train. This was no doubt the result of the many delays caused by the widespread avalanches. Eventually, the train was run in two halves, our party travelling on the first. The return journey is, quite naturally, far more depressing than the outward one. Sleep is, however, much easier as the excitement is less.

Breakfast had been arranged for us on the train, and at the appointed hour, we started the long trek to the dining-car for the "deuxième service." When we arrived there, we found that "le premier" had only just started,—something to do with the restaurant car not being hitched on until Hiron instead of at Charleville. This meant a wait of nearly an hour during which

time we spoke to some American Servicemen stationed at Metz. While we were having breakfast, we met an Old Haberdasher who recalled certain senior members of the staff as junior masters.

When at last we drew into Calais-Maritime it was raining. After being hustled through Customs, we found ourselves once more on the "Côte D'Azur," the ship that had brought us over. The foul weather continued, and as we steamed out of the harbour we saw the bad-weather cones being hoisted. In spite of this grim forewarning, the crossing did not prove to be really rough, especially when compared with the outward trip. Having passed with considerable success through the British Customs, we entrained for Victoria where we arrived at 3.30 p.m. on the 13th January.

I cannot conclude this account without thanking, on behalf of the whole party, Major Hewson, who organised the whole trip, and I should like to place on record our most sincere gratitude to him.

Nearly all those who went this year intend to return next winter. In some cases this entails saving for the whole year, but it was generally agreed that, for such a worthwhile holiday, the effort is well justified.

A. H. GARDNER.

Easter in Rome

This Roman holiday was organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, and, as they had prepared an extremely comprehensive programme, be sure that everything of interest and fame in this city with a great history was seen. But time and money were constraining influences, and the mere nine days in Rome tended, as regards sight-seeing, to degenerate into a fast-moving review of weird and wonderful architecture. However, sight-seeing on this occasion was only a secondary, though obviously important, consideration; for the main purpose of the C.E.W.C. as its name suggests, in organising this trip was to give these fortunate representatives of Britain's youth a glimpse, if brief and narrow, of Italians and their way of life.

The party, consisting of 45 school-girls and a somewhat overwhelmed trio of school-boys, in the charge of Mrs. Rose, History mistress at Mary Datchelor School in South London, and Mr. Campbell of Haberdashers, assembled at and departed from Victoria Station according to schedule early on Sunday the 11th of April. Despite the tedium and fatigue of 24 almost entirely sleepless hours in the same train between Paris and Rome, the party arrived without loss or untoward incident at the vast, luxurious and very impressive Rome station in the evening of the next day. Here we contacted Miss Quass, assistant secretary of the C.E.W.C., and the third leader of the party, who had gone ahead to prepare Rome for our arrival, and the last lap of the arduous journey was speedily accomplished by coach. Arriving at our

hostel, the Palazzo Salviati, everyone was more than willing to obey to the letter the programme's terse instruction—Supper and Bed!

On returning to consciousness again next morning, it was discovered, firstly that the sun was still glaring from a clear blue sky as it had throughout most of the journey, only now it was more pleasant than merciless, secondly, that there was no hot water, and any baths would involve paying to use the public ones situated, believe it or not, in the station; and thirdly, that, as always, the continental substitute for breakfast was at first rather inadequate for British regulated diets. The Palazzo Salviati, overlooking the Tiber, is a large building built round a square courtyard; besides the dormitories, dining rooms, common rooms and reception hall typical of most hostels, the Palazzo Salviati has in addition, for the use of its residents, a bar and cafeteria, a bazaar and gift shop, and a hairdressers. The inhabitants, none of whom stay long, were a very cosmopolitan collection: representatives of almost every European country staying there side by side with Britons, Americans, Australians, and an occasional South African. Our temporary home turned out to be as interesting and revealing a reflection of other peoples as the C.E.W.C. could have desired, also they fed us well.

The necessary little details of any holiday abroad having been seen to—the exchange of travellers cheques and the dispatch of picture post-cards announcing a safe arrival—in the afternoon, under the guidance of the instructive and obliging Brother Norman, a young American priest, we took a quick first look at Rome. This walking tour included the Pantheon, the Church of St. Maria Maggiore, the Piazza Venezia and adjacent monuments, some of the Imperial Forums, the Via del Impero, St. Pietro in Vincula, and the Colosseum.

The next morning was spent at the Vatican Museum; only this one morning could be spared for a place that would take over a week to examine sufficiently. If there was any one thing more than another which helped to create the desire, unanimous among the party, to revisit Rome, it was the appetite stimulated by such too short and unsatisfying visits to places with seemingly bottomless depths of interest. In the afternoon and early evening the party was received at a college by the Italian students, this "get together" between the Italian boys and our girls apparently did much to foster Anglo-Italian relations; later on, there was an enlightening lecture entitled "Introduction to Italy," given by a representative of the British Council.

During Thursday we visited the Castel San Angelo, the Mammertine Prison, the Roman Forum, and the Palatine, and Brother Norman again acted as our guide. After dinner the party toured Rome by coach—the lights of Rome at night being

at least as impressive and bewildering as those of any other great city. Good Friday morning was free for visiting individually, or rather, remembering the attitude of the Italians, in small groups, any Churches of special architectural and artistic interest that we wished, for example, S. Giovanni in Laterano, the Cathedral of Rome. Unfortunately this day saw the end of the hot sun and clear skies we had been enjoying and therefore our clothes, if not our spirits, were dampened. After lunch the party went by coach to the English Cemetery, where lies Keat's grave, to the Temple of Mithra, and to the Baths of Caracalla. In the evening an interesting and earnest attempt was made by another representative of the British Council to throw light upon the confusion which seems to befog the political situation in Italy. The whole of Saturday was taken up with a coach trip to the excavations of Ostia which were examined as thoroughly as a fiercely cold wind would allow. In the evening the Italian students, with the permission of the manager, were welcomed to the Palazzo Salviati as our guests for what proved to be a lively and enjoyable social.

Sunday morning was, of course, free for Church Services, and most of the party went to the English Church of All Saints for Holy Communion. Afterwards we were all present, somewhere, amongst the vast crowd that thronged to the Piazza di San Pietro to witness the Pope's Apostolic Blessing. Here, as everywhere in Rome during this Holy Week, we were very struck by the devout sincerity and impressive faith of the Roman Catholic Christians. For the rest of Sunday we were free to follow our own devices, and after supper some of the party, those who had both the necessary interest and money, went to the Opera-house where *La Boheme* was performed.

On Easter Monday morning we returned to St. Peter's, this time to see the inside, but it was over-crowded on this public holiday. In the afternoon, being again free to do as we wished, the urgent and important task of buying presents for our families and our friends could be undertaken. All next day was another coach excursion, this time to Frascati, where the wine was indeed found to be excellent, to Hadrian's Villa, the Tivoli Gardens, Lake Albano and, during the return journey to some Churches of interest which had hitherto been overlooked. In the evening another lecture was given, this one on the Italian Cinema, a subject which up till then had been a closed book to most of the party, and to some of us still is.

The following morning, the morning of our last day in Rome, the party went to the Villa Borghese, and dividing up into smaller groups we wandered lazily and pleasantly around this fascinating park. In the afternoon there was yet another coach trip, to the famed Catacombs, round which we were conducted by a good English-speaking guide. Our holiday was rounded off in the

evening by, first, a discussion in which the value of the trip was summed up and assessed from various angles, then followed a group sing-song, ably led by Mr. Campbell, and followed by an early retirement to bed in preparation for the journey home. As an alternative to the sing-song, one or two of us paid a visit to the Fontana di Trevi and, together, threw in our farthings, or some equivalent,—the superstition being that we will then, as we do so want to, return to Rome.

Arriving at Victoria punctually on the evening of the 23rd of April, glad though all the party must have been that the nightmare return journey was over, I am sure that in every heart there was a deep regret that this holiday had so quickly and inevitably ended, and that now they were to part from good friends they would perhaps never meet again.

This diary-like account of our Easter in Rome is possibly an adequate description of the holiday, but it does not really reveal what a wonderful, never to be forgotten nine days stay it was: for not only were lasting friendships found amongst our own party and amongst the Italians we met, and those we met were almost without exception extraordinarily charming and obliging, but then a large majority of attractive young ladies will ensure this for any party in any country, but also amongst people in our hostel from other countries of the world; as well as this, places and sights that had been heard of, imagined, and dreamed about, were seen and came to life. Any occasional note of complaint that creeps into my account, is only lamenting the unavoidable brevity of our stay.

I echo, I am certain, the sentiments of every member of the party in first thanking the C.E.W.C. for making the holiday possible and next the three leaders, Mrs. Rose, Miss Quass and Mr. Campbell, for the kindly but none the less competent efficiency with which they handled both the ups and downs of a holiday which will long live in our memories.

J. T. FARRAND.

German Exchange

PART I. OUR VISIT TO EMDEN

Our party of eighteen boys, led by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Baber, went by train and ship overnight via the Hook of Holland to arrive in Emden on the 27th of last March.

Emden is in East Friesland, north-west Germany, only a few miles from Holland and, I think, our first hopes were that the scenery we would be seeing would not be quite so flat as the Dutch landscape. I personally was rather shocked on my first sight of Emden to see the extent of the damage that persisted there nine years after the end of the war; the Germans are well known as hard workers but although the businesses were flourishing on the High street of this small city, a large number of open rubble heaps

were in evidence and untidy black air-raid bunkers rising about forty feet above the ground were still standing. We were later to be presented by the mayor of Emden with an illustrated booklet called "Emden, Stadt im Strom der Zeiten"; this shows many vivid pictures, but the two that caught my attention were on pages 64-65; facing each other were two pictures taken one before, one after September 6th, 1944, of the market; the only resemblance in the second to the first is a signpost. Emden, but not its famous shipping industry, was certainly destroyed.

In the afternoon of the 28th we were allowed what we were afterwards to recognise as a brief respite from visitations; we watched some of the boys from the German school give an exhibition of physical training. The following nine days were to see consolidations of, I hope, lasting friendships between ourselves and our hosts: we were to sample many varieties of German sausages and bread; we were to increase our vocabularies and all of us to learn the perpetual greeting "Moen" which seems to be confined to East Friesland; we were to compare everything from prices (nearly the same) to architecture and fairy tales (the Pied Piper of Hamelin); we were to be amazed at the infuriating similarity between the East Friesian and the English weather; to walk through dense forests and to sample German youth hostels; to walk midst millions of cucumbers along the world's longest glasshouse; in brief, many and varied were our experiences.

After our official welcome, by the mayor of Emden, two of our party, Holland and Mansbridge, were invited to speak over a broadcasting circuit to Germany in German; Mr. Baber reports that the efforts were good although we were destined never to hear them, just as the German boys were not to witness their appearances on British television. A visit to a museum and an afternoon coach trip to Wiesmoor, of cucumber and tomato fame, and another day had flown by. I must comment that I felt the need of catching up on some sleep when our exchange visit was all over as I was always late to bed and early to rise (once as early as three o'clock!) and I have an idea this was a general symptom.

As was reciprocated when the Germans came to England, visits were paid to classes to get the atmosphere of the German school. This was very interesting and stimulating, especially the hour's discussion on world politics; further talks with my own host revealed his acquaintance and grasp of the world situation; in my opinion this political discussion period would be a valuable addition to our own curriculum. Towards the end of the stay we had a brains trust, theoretically half in German, half in English which eventually became a political debate in English and showed the Germans to possess a good political vocabulary. It is a fact that every German I met did not approve of the War or of Hitler's policies.

The debate was held in the Rowing Club and this was because there had been a contest between a selection of oarsmen from our party and one from the German. We had indeed three sporting contests (the others in tennis and athletics) the idea of which was good, namely to promote friendly rivalry; unfortunately the Germans selected their teams from the whole school and consequently some of the German boys themselves publicly protested that this was unfair; an unfortunate incident but one which left no ill-feeling, due to the genuine friendliness between the boys.

On Tuesday afternoon I was very pleased and surprised to see Mr. Ricci, our American guest at the School, walking down an Emden street alongside the harbour; he accompanied us on a boat trip round the harbour and with his usual alacrity produced his camera and good humour. He is indeed a very popular guest.

May Day brought the usual processions and a rather disturbing thought, since Jimmy, my host, told me that the participants were nearly all Communists. May Day brought, too, a football match for Jimmy and in the evening our departure by bicycle over uneven paths to a sailing lake and the family week-end house; we had this and the next day to spend at the discretion of our hosts and if the others of the party enjoyed themselves as much as I did they will have no grounds for complaints.

I believe the period was intended as preparation for the magnificent three day tour (in a brand new coach) through the Weser valley land, the nights being spent in German hostels, which are very good ones. Among the interesting places we visited were Hameln, Dümmer See, Polle, Bad Pyrmont, Lemgö (here a most beautiful church and a lovely and famous organ which was playing while we were there) and the Teutoburgerwald. We saw in fact too much to mention in a short account, but one small thing that sticks in my mind especially was the "warm, salt water, straight from the source" which we all bought for 10 pf. a glass at Bad Pyrmont.

So, the next day, with some athletics, a look round the Nordseewerke shipyards where we were entertained to lunch, followed by our Rowing Club political debate, we brought the holiday to a close except for a small celebration held that evening with about a dozen German and English boys. The holiday had been enjoyable and instructive, had created new friendships and interests, had indeed made us all indebted to the Headmaster, to Mr. Small, our German master, to Mr. Campbell, who led the party, and to Mr. Baber, our chief interpreter, for an experiment in international understanding well conceived and happily implemented.

PART II. EMDEN BOYS' VISIT TO LONDON

After an interval of about three weeks it was a great pleasure to welcome our German friends as guests in our own homes. They

were met at Victoria Station by Dr. Taylor, Mr. Small, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Baber, and their 18 hosts from the School. The Emden boys were in the care of their Headmaster, Dr. Brose, who had first visited us last October and made the plans for this exchange visit.

The week-end was passed in the company of their hosts and the whole party re-united on Monday morning at Trafalgar Square to view a rehearsal of the Trooping of the Colour on Horse Guards Parade, as an introduction to our English pageantry and love of tradition. Afterwards everyone came to the School for lunch and an official welcome from the Headmaster, which took place in the Hall in the presence of the Upper School. Mr. Campbell then conducted the party on a short walk over Hampstead Heath to the Hampstead Town Hall where the Mayor and some of the principal officers of the Borough kindly offered a cordial welcome to Hampstead and provided an excellent tea. The day was completed by a visit to a West-End News Cinema and a tour of "The Daily Express" offices and printing plant in Fleet Street.

The rest of the week before Whitsun was spent in a similarly busy way, and was both an experience and an education to our guests. They saw much pageantry and most of our famous London buildings and illuminations, and learnt much of our past history and present business organisation. Most of Tuesday was occupied with a tour of the City as guests of the Haberdashers' Company visiting Lloyds', the Mansion House, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Stock Exchange and the Bank of England, with a sumptuous lunch at the Vintners' Hall presided over by Lord Moynihan of the Haberdashers' Company and honoured by a visit from the Master, Wardens and Clerk to the Company dressed in their robes of office. Later in the day the party attended a meeting of the London County Council at County Hall and were entertained to tea by the two Councillors representing Hampstead.

Mr. Henry Brooke, M.P. for Hampstead, very kindly undertook a conducted tour of the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday morning, the German boys being re-inforced by ten of the hosts and several members of the staff. He was an excellent guide and went to much trouble to explain the working of our democracy to our German friends. After lunch Mr. Baber took most of the party on a boat trip down the Thames to the London Docks—a trip of great interest to our Emden visitors most of whose fathers were connected with shipping and the life of a great port.

Thursday provided an opportunity to share in our classes and School activities, just as we had done in Germany; and there was also a Brains Trust to discuss in two languages matters of common interest and extend the basis of understanding between the German boys and ourselves. In the afternoon the whole party, including

hosts, saw the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court, more for its pageantry and exciting spectacle than for its military significance.

Friday saw the last of the organised excursions. A motor-coach trip up the Thames Valley took place in glorious weather. Visits were paid to Hampton Court, Runnymede, Windsor Castle, St. George's Chapel, Windsor, Eton, Henley and Oxford—with a brief tour of some of the Colleges. It was a most enjoyable excursion and showed our visitors more of the tradition and history of our land, and some of the beauties of the countryside in all the glory of early summer, one of the most delightful moments on the trip being a walk through Burnham Beeches.

Whilst the main party was on tour, four German boys in the care of Dr. Taylor visited Lime Grove Television Studios as the guests of the B.B.C. and took part in a recorded programme for Children's Hour. This programme was broadcast at 5.20 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9th, unfortunately after the boys had returned to Germany. The interviews were clearly received and conveyed a pleasant message of appreciation of their visit to London.

As in Germany a few days were set aside towards the end of the visit when the guests could be at the disposal of their hosts. As far as I can gather all were suitably and pleasantly entertained. I personally found a new interest amongst the hobbies of my guest Jimmy: this was ice-skating and we are now both members of the Queen's Club, though it is probable that Jimmy will do more skating on the ice of a German winter than at Queen's.

When we were in Germany we were politely told to keep a diary, which has in the end, turned out to be a very good idea. My friend also kept a diary of his own while he was here, and especially since it was in German, it made interesting reading, when he let me have a quick glance through it. I felt that this diary was probably more adequately an expression of appreciation of his stay in England than ours was of our stay in Germany. I was very pleased to read that, at least up to the last day of his stay here, his impressions were good ones; he especially liked the manners of our people and our School buildings and was fascinated by television. He admired, too, what he had been shown in the various displays of pageantry and had very quickly adapted himself to the Underground system (which I had shown him on his first night here and which he reminded me was not necessarily the best system, as they had one in Berlin and the Russians also had an excellent one in Moscow!). On the whole I am certain his impressions of us were favourable.

For myself, I was very impressed by our German guests, whether in youth or maturity I liked their understanding, their humour and their potentialities.

D. SUPRAN.

Dr. Billy Graham's Crusade—

WEMBLEY STADIUM, MAY 22nd

More than thirty boys from the School were at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, May 22nd, for the final meeting of Dr. Billy Graham's Greater London Crusade. It was raining steadily when the service began with hymn-singing at 6.15 p.m., but the congregation was larger than at any evangelistic meeting ever previously held. All the normal means of accommodation had proved inadequate, and the thousands who continued to arrive joined those already standing on the grass, bringing the total number present to more than 120,000.

At 6.30 p.m. the choir of 4,000 led the singing of "Blessed Assurance," which marked the beginning of a broadcast from the Stadium in the B.B.C. Light Programme. Cliff Barrows welcomed all those who had just joined in the service, and announced another well-known hymn, "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah." Later in the broadcast the choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah," which many had heard during the Easter meetings at Harringay. Dr. Billy Graham gave a brief message in which he thanked all those who had taken part in the Crusade, and expressed his conviction that Britain was on the verge of a great spiritual awakening. The broadcast closed with another hymn, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"

Before the main address George Beverley Shea, sang, for the last time in the Crusade, "I'd rather have Jesus."

Dr. Billy Graham took as his text the challenge first issued by Moses, "Who is on the Lord's side?", linking it with the words of Joshua, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Many of the world's problems, he declared, had arisen because we had made a wrong choice; we had left God out of our lives. The major problem facing us today was to be found not in the H-bomb but in human nature. As individuals we had to choose between two ways of life, two masters. There was no neutral ground: "no man can serve two masters."

Dr. Billy Graham went on to stress in the most searching manner the seriousness of the decision we all have to make: whom will we serve, God or Self? The consequences could not be more tremendous: "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Then, step by step, God's plan of salvation was made clear, "to raise into spiritual life those whom the law had slain." Jesus Christ had come to reveal God's love to us, and to obtain for us, by His death on the cross, a free, unmerited pardon. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all,"

Stressing again the significance of the decision, Dr. Billy Graham closed his address with the direct challenge, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

To those who did not know the amount of prayer that had gone into the meeting, or did not realise its effectiveness, the sight which followed must have been inexplicable. With no other pressure than the leading of the Holy Spirit, thousands moved forward to signify that for the first time they were deciding to serve the Lord. It was a moment of supreme joy, which several boys in the School will remember as the beginning of an entirely new and immensely richer life.

The party organised by the Christian Union had been split up in different parts of the Stadium, and it was not until Monday morning that any of us knew the full extent of God's work in the School. To which the final touch was added when the lesson set for Morning Prayers proved to be the same verses, from the 2nd chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, which Dr. Paul Rees had read at Wembley Stadium.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

A. HALL.

"To Thee and Thine . . ."

I am very conscious of the honour given me by being selected to teach in Great Britain and in Haberdashers' Aske's Hampstead School in particular. Even before stepping ashore, the customs officials when giving me my working permit congratulated me on my appointment at this particular School. Now as to why I have been asked to write for "The Skylark," perhaps it is that someone is a little suspicious of the report I am going to carry back to America, and is contemplating "bumping me off" if I haven't formed satisfactory impressions of this beautiful country of yours. For my own safety, then, I will say at once that I think England is one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited, and that the people of England are among the most hospitable in the world, and that this School is among the very best I know; and may I say that I know many in the United States.

This article to some extent puts me "on the spot" for one of the duties of an exchange teacher is to try to further friendly relations between the two countries, and to me "comparisons are odious." It seems that there are three courses open to me: first, to

say that I find everything in England is wonderful, and be convicted by all of you who know better as being an ignoramus or a sycophant; second, of allowing my critical propensities full reign, and finding everything which is not American absolutely awful; or third, to try to steer a middle course and give an objective analysis and assessment of the differing arrangements in Education of the two countries. It is obvious that one of these courses would serve no useful purpose. For some, the first approach might be desirable, but I am sure you are of stronger fibre, so I shall adopt the third method, and endeavour to give an honest analysis of my experience.

The differences in organisation between the schools of England and those of the United States are great enough to affect very appreciably the courses and methods of teaching in the two countries, so I had better begin by outlining the major differences in this area. In the United States at your particular level of schooling we have a system of common schools. The goals of these schools are largely social. My subject being mathematics, I feel that the imperative needs of youth which can be at least partially satisfied by teachers of mathematics in their classes include the development of saleable skills and those understandings and attitudes that make the worker an intelligent and productive participant in economic life; the development of knowledge of how to purchase and use goods and services, understanding both the value received by the consumer and the economic consequences of their acts; the development of an understanding of the methods of science and the influence of science on human life; the development of the ability to think rationally, to express thoughts clearly, and to read and listen with understanding.

As I see it, in England the general aim seems to be to give each child an education suited to his age, aptitude and ability, without inquiring too closely just what fulfills these conditions. In England there seem to be three parallel courses of education each covering the whole adolescent period, instead of being divided into two phases such as in America: the Junior High School (ages 11-14) and Senior High School (ages 15-17). In England the three courses of education cater, broadly, for those who require a college preparation in rather a more specialized sense than in the United States, for those who require a thorough preparatory training so that they may become technicians or craftsmen, and for the general run of workers. Access to these three courses is controlled solely by ability; and social or economic status has no direct bearing. In addition there is a well developed system of private schools, known for historical reasons as public schools. These have, I judge, rather more impact on the community at large than comparable American private schools.

After a year of listening and speaking with formal and informal

groups of adolescents and adults, I believe that most Englishmen firmly believe that English schools and universities have been and are turning out people with a higher standard of education than those on the other side of the Atlantic. And many Americans have a defeatist attitude towards their educational systems. However, writers, lawyers, doctors, scientists and leaders in many other fields are not products of an inferior system.

In America the level of intelligence varies enormously within any one school, since these State supported schools have low entrance standards, and there may be as many as several thousand pupils in a single city school. In contrast to these are the private schools with high entrance standards and far fewer students.

At all levels there is a tremendous urge for education in the United States. In the earlier years of schooling there is one primary aim—the thorough Americanizing of the young person. The British baby is born with a Union Jack in his mouth, but in the United States the problem of assimilation is acute, what with thousands of new immigrants each year.

By the time of graduation from High School he is thoroughly American but the need and urge for further education goes on. The desire to get ahead both economically and socially drives young men and women to the universities. In 1950, 100 in every 5,000 of the population were in a University as against 9 in every 5,000 in Great Britain. These universities vary greatly and the graduation requirements for some do not even come up to the entrance requirements of others. The standards of the American University are usually higher than their entrance requirements, so about one-third of the students will have left before completing the four year courses. At this stage the American university student is younger than his British counterpart. This is where a major mistake is made in discussing the two systems—that of comparing them at particular stages. The sixth form in England is not the same as the twelfth (or last grade) of a U.S. High School. The first year at an American University is not the same as the first year at an English University. At one point the American student may fall behind the English student—at another point he may catch up.

Finally—if a comparison must be made, one should judge academic standards by the efficiency of the final product. The only fair conclusion I can draw is that the American student and his English counterpart seem equally well-trained at the start of their respective careers.

In every school system, or any system for that matter, there should be room for growth, as there is in mine, I believe. What have I gained by teaching and learning here at Haberdashers'? And what will I share with those at home? I've learned that students are helped to acquire those basic skills in mathematics

that they will need for further education, and which they will use as young adults. There is an endeavouring, by simple and vivid examples, to bring students into contact with the great idea of mathematics and their applications to the life of our civilizations. These aims are high aims and in pursuit of these aims, the teachers of mathematics here, coupled with good textbooks and reference books, have gone further than their American counterparts cutting out dead wood in mathematics that has obstructed mathematical teaching.

Research and this age of technology are demanding the best ways of learning and the best ways of teaching. We are arriving at these—through mutual understanding and co-operation. I shall always be grateful for your understanding and co-operation this year and for what it has meant to me and mine (my American students).

And so to you—the administration, staff and students of Haberdashers' Askes's Hampstead School: "Here's to thee and thine from me and mine. And when thou and thine come to visit me and mine may I and mine make thee and thine as happy as thou and thine have made me and mine."

THEODORE I. RICCI, JR.

In Memoriam: Dylan Thomas

You blew, and the clouds were gone; but the head
o' the sun
Was a thing to be feared by the light of the moon
no more;
You trumpeted the skull away to run
Your daily errands on your native shore.
Flowers grow now where seeds of fern were planted,
Ground-greening from the water-haunted soil,
And back to the enchanted tomb is chanted
The force that cannot drive, but only foil.
Lions in far-off forests shake their manes.
Acceptance, filling those who'd not have borne you
No longer means submission. Hands and brains
Will sing to greet you that have sung to warn you.
Your music broke your own song-brittle chains;
All music after this seems just to mourn you.

M. LIPTON, *Vib M.*

A Scientist looks at a Social Phenomenon

"We're three smart Edwardians—very well read-wardians,
Drainpipes, velvet and slim tie.
Our shoes are of thick crepe, our jackets of queer shape,
"Smart fellows are we!" is our cry."

"Our clothes are the mode of the Charing-Cross road.
In anything else we'd just die.
Our girls we amaze with the latest D.A.'s,
"Smart fellows are we!" is our cry."

"We've terrorised woman, we've made Clapham common,
Ambition extends to the sky.
We rule our domain, societies' gain,
"Smart fellows are we!" is our cry."

"We play up the bobby, but that's just our hobby,
To catch us he'd have to be spry.
These pen-knives and razors, we'd rather have blazers,
"Smart fellows are we!" is our cry."

"Our pride is inflated with fashions dictated
By pals—to keep up we must try.
Use coshes? We obey.
Bike-chains are demodée,
"Smart fellows are we!" is our cry."

"But demands are too great on our sensitive state,
To this life we must give the lie.
A complex we're getting—our minds all need vetting.
"Poor fellows are we!" is our cry."

"This velvet it tickles, these drainpipes they cripple.
With D.A.'s we're fed up we sigh.
It seems that we've no wits, to judges we're mis-fits,
"Poor fellows are we!" is our cry."

E. D. WARD, *Via Sc.*

Ode to a Friend

The curfew tolls the knell of parting Fred.
He was a rage, but now alas, he's dead.
He was imagination's child, a whim.
They never dreamed what would become of him.
His name was seen wherever school-boys trod.
The younger boys, they feared him as a god.
But woe he died, succumbed he to the cane,
Though even in his life he caused great pain.
Some day perhaps he may return; and more,
The word of Fred might once again be law.

G. U. S.

The Brave Sir Archie Ponder

Many are those that wonder,
At the strange and marvellous deed,
Of the brave Sir Archie Ponder,
The gallant in the days of mead.

'Twas at a feast for gallants,
That Sir Alfred Barrel gave,
That Sir Archie showed his talents,
Which made his end so brave.

The host was famed far and wide,
For his capacious maw,
And boasting said with pride,
"Can any knight drink more?"

Up spoke the undaunted Ponder,
"All mead in England wouldn't fill me,"
The bold words made the Knights wonder,
By Heaven! What would they see?

Twenty pints each upon a table,
They sat there quickly drinking,
More than a horse in a stable,
Could drink without a-winking.

At last the host cried, "Hold! Enough!"
And brave Sir Archibald had won.
But, alas, he went on drinking,
And, swelling, went off like a gun!

B. ROBINSON, 3a.

Correspondence

LETTER FROM THE CHINA STATION

H.M.S. St. "Bride's Bay."

24th February, 1954.

I had tried to arrange a command in Korean waters—as the time for me to go far afield had returned—with the particular object of "getting up the sharp end," but on the day I landed at this station the first truce agreement was signed. The China Station has always been a place for independent commands by reason of its extent, and having been denied my little war I hoped to console myself with the customary maritime activity of this part of the world. Nevertheless the immediate post-war period is never very attractive and so much of the world being now closed to Her Majesty's Ships it was difficult to foresee very much variation in my day to day work.

My ship is a frigate built at the end of the last war, able to stay at sea almost eternally, but at only moderate speed—a weatherly vessel designed with the North Atlantic in mind. She carries almost 200 officers and men, and various guns, anti-submarine weapons and radars for defensive and offensive employment. I joined her at the end of July and spent a fortnight getting to know the performance of her people, her equipment, her hull and machinery.

It is very interesting, these first few weeks in an organisation as compact as a ship. The mechanical environment puts bonds on the extent to which performance can be improved and refined, but the development of discipline has resulted, over the centuries, in a ship's company becoming responsive to the wishes, shortcomings and character of the few appointed to guide the destinies of the remainder. My ship's company had been in the ship eight months, had got over their first intolerable inefficiencies but also had left their first fresh keenness some months behind. A total of eight lieutenants had many departmental and administrative duties and the vital task of actually commanding their men. I found the people as a whole of good manners, with a lot of keenness for sport but with rather a high punishment record—all of which presaged well.

Having—rather unexpectedly—been given time to settle down, the ship was sent off on a patrol which, no more than two days out, threatened to involve us in a diplomatic tangle, a first class (minor) strategic problem and a battle. A Hong Kong merchantman of about 2,000 tons was intercepted by a Destroyer of the Chinese Nationalist Navy from Formosa, accused of attempting to run goods into Communist China in defiance of a KMT ban, "arrested," and ordered to proceed under escort to a Chinese nationalist port. An S.O.S. from the merchantman—named *Nigelock*—alerted

H.M.S. "*St. Bride's Bay*" from some 100 miles to the South. Then followed an aggravating but fascinating chase for some 16 hours: the situation was complicated by not knowing whether the *Nigelock* had been boarded, whether positions received were being transmitted by a wireless operator with a gun at his back—whether *Nigelock* knew where he was or where he was being taken and other diverse possibilities. At about dusk I decided to put my money on an anchorage in Pescadores Is. as a destination, and for five hours struggled south into a heavy sea resulting from a wind associated with a violent typhoon S.E. of Formosa, hoping to win what was in effect a race against *Nigelock* by distress out of uncertainty. We did—just—win before territorial waters threatened to defeat us; and the Chinese, whose ability to use radar in a violent sea off a bad coast was probably less than ours, was left in a state of bewilderment without his capture.

This is old—traditional—stuff and my impertinent and irrepressible junior officers passed remarks regarding Nelson's inability to decide whether to go east, or west, before the NILE. It was a delightful debut for a commanding officer of such a ship as this. I never really got to the bottom of *Nigelock's* thoughts on the matter—though he sent me a bottle of Russian caviar exported through Shanghai.

The rest of the last six months has also maintained the reputation of the China coast for incidents, though not quite of such a middle-page-of-the-Times character as the above. For a professional, one of the great interests has been the opportunity of working with ships of many nations in the post-Korean operations. We have also seen much of Japan and have experienced the considerable cold of the Korean West Coast (tho' our conditions at sea have never equalled the rugged life of those doomed to serve on dry land) and the tiring heat of the South China Summer. We have a hearty and successful rugger side of a rather Welsh character and put teams for almost all other known games into the field undeterred by occasional heavy defeats. In fact we are in some ways not displeased with ourselves (I have not mentioned the shortcomings which annoy me!).

C. W. SCOTT.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

This is the time of year when exams are uppermost in everyone's thoughts and we begin to realise how little we have learnt in the past year. Even those least inclined to work are affected. They have been seen in the College library, contrary to all their better principles, anxiously inspecting past Tripos papers. People are revising late at night and in the mornings looking out those little bottles of ink, blotting paper and other accessories that are so important. In spite of all this we sustain ourselves chiefly with the thought that May week is just around the corner, with the

long vacation after that, four months of idleness, to restore our frayed nerves.

But I must not give the impression that we are all terribly studious here. On the other hand perhaps I should say that neither are we all "madly gay," immersed in one hectic social round. The fact is that generalisations are impossible. Almost everything can be done and is done in this place. If you tend to be eccentric so much the better; you will be encouraged. You can wear your hair short or long, dress entirely according to taste, and keep the most curious hours. Even the lock-up times at night you can disregard provided you are prepared to do a bit of night-climbing, a favourite undergraduate sport. If you aspire to intellectual circles you will probably cultivate a beard, and have the most decided views on everything in general. But you may incline to politics and make speeches in the Union, or dramatics, or perhaps you will go in for rowing and spend the afternoons on the river propelling an eight up and down. Whatever it is, your speciality, you can be sure it is well catered for here.

There are about a dozen Old Haberdashers' up at present. Graham Jones is at St. Catharines and seems to spend his time, when not playing cricket, feeding his goldfish and causing the local police endless trouble by refusing to park his taxi in the right places. Then there is Ian Crombie at Downing, a boxing blue for the second year now, and John Newton a freshman at the same College and a boxer too. He keeps himself fit on Scottish reels. The other freshman this year is John Bausor at St. John's who has come from National Service in Korea. Roger Fine, John Matthews and Roy Humphreys are all third year at St. Catharines, Jesus and Emmanuel respectively. We have not met Billy Corpe at Jesus recently but believe he is still producing firsts there. And of course we must not forget John Simons who is at Sidney Sussex and becoming a real expert on the guitar or is it a banjo?

We should like to welcome those coming up to Cambridge next term and we wish them a very successful and enjoyable time *in statu pupillari*.

J. U. M. SMITH.

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2a			Lovett, D. J.
1c			Hegde, A. P.

- JEFFORD, R. E. (1946-54)—VIa Modern Special. Russells. School Prefect. House Captain, 1954. School Choir, 1946-48. Christian Union, 1949-54 (co-leader from 1952). Fives Club. Christmas Islanders, 1953-54: founder member and third secretary. S.S.U.: British Red Cross Society certificates, 1951, 1952. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, 1951; Award of Merit, 1952. S.C.M. Conferences, 1952 and 1953. Dramatic Society productions: "Hamlet," 1949; "The Alchemist" 1950; "St. Joan," 1951. Operatic Society productions: "Iolanthe," 1951; "The Pirates of Penzance," 1952; "The Mikado," 1954. G.C.E. O. Level (5 subjects), 1951; A. Level, 1953.—State Scholarship. *Open English Scholarship to Downing College, Cambridge*, 1953. Home address: 16, Highcroft, Kingsbury, N.W.9.
- LEWIS, M. J. (1947-54)—VIa Modern. Russells. Assistant Librarian; G.C.E. O. Level, 1952; C.C.F. Cert A Pt. I; S.S.U. First Aid Pt. I; Dramatic Society Productions: "The Rivals," "St. Joan," "Richard II." *Industry*. Home address: 37, North Gate, N.W.8.
- REEVE, A. J. (1948-54)—VIb Modern; Meadows. G.C.E. O. Level, 1953; Prize Awards 1950-51-53; C.C.F. (R.A.F. Section); L/Cdt. Cert A. Pt. I, 1952. Proficiency Certificate, 1953. Cottesmore, 1952; Halton, 1953, Dyce, 1953; Christian Union. Sociological Society. Natural History Society; House Rugby XV's 1950-1-2-3. *Accountancy*. Home address: 60, Lawrence Avenue, Mill Hill, N.W.7.
- ROBBINS, T. A. (1946-54)—VIb Modern. 1st XV, 1952-3-4. 1st XV colours 53-54. 1st VII 1954. 1st XI, 1953. 1st XXII colours, 1953. Athletics team, 1950-54, Junior colours 1953. Boxing team, 1947-8-9; Junior ribbon colours, 1947-8-9. Basket-ball team, 1953-4. C.C.F. Army Section Corporal. Cert A. Pts. I and II (war). Recruits Cup, 1952. Shornecliff camp, 1953. G.C.E. O. Level, 1953. School foreign parties to Austria, 1950, and Switzerland, 1951. Sociological Society. Music Society. C.E.W.C. Debating Society. Motor Enthusiasts Club. Home address: 51, Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex.

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- BEALES, P. J. (1945-1954)—VIa Modern Special. Joblings. Sub-Prefect. G.C.E. O Level, 1951; A Level (Distinctions), 1953. Cambridge Previous (Little-Go), 1953. C.C.F. (Basic Section), 1949-1950. Cert. A" Part 1, (R.A.F. Section), 1950-1954. Flight Sergeant. Proficiency, 1951. Advanced Training, 1953. Gliding, Hawkinge, 1953. N.C.O's and W.O's Course, Detling, 1953. Chivenor and Hullavington, 1951. Cottesmore, 1952. Dyce, 1953. School Shooting VIII, 1951-1953; Ashburton Team, 1951-1952. Boat Club, 1949-1950. Tennis Club, 1950-1952. Fives Club. Amateur Operatic Society, "Iolanthe," 1951; "Pirates of Penzance," 1952; "Rudigore," 1953. Dramatic Society, "The Alchemist," 1949; "The Rivals," 1950; "St. Joan," 1951; "Richard II," 1952. Geographical Society. Music Society. Natural History Society. Sociological Society (Committee Member). Mayrhofen-im-Zillertal (St. Dunstan's College Summer Party), 1952. School Choir, 1946-1953. R.S.C.M. Public Schools' Choirs' Festivals, Canterbury Cathedral, 1948; Eton, 1949-1952. Carol Festivals, 1946-1953. School Crucifer, 1951-1953. *Open Modern Language Exhibition Trinity College, Cambridge*. Home address: 5, Lane Close, N.W.2.

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Forthcoming Events

1954-55

Friday, July 23rd—COMMENDATION DAY at the School.

Thursday, Oct. 7th—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the School and
PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION, 7.0 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th—ANNUAL DANCE (in place of Dinner-Dance),
at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon, 7.30. p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4th—RUGBY MATCHES v. the School at Chase
Lodge, 2.15 p.m.

RUGBY CLUB ANNUAL DINNER at Hendon
Hall Hotel.

Saturday, Feb. 5th—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL DINNER at the School,
6.30 for 7.0 p.m.

Annual Dinner, 1954

The 56th Annual Dinner was held at the School on Saturday, February 6th., 1954. The President, S. E. Phillips, Esq. presided, and 137 members and guests were present. The evening was once again a success and despite catering difficulties the company obviously thoroughly enjoyed being at the School once again. Air Vice Marshal T. N. McEvoy proposed the toast of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, the Court of Assistants and the School Governors, in well chosen words, an appreciative response being given by the Master of the Company, R. L. Moreton, Esq. and by the Chairman of the Governors Col. Philip Bull, who in turn proposed "The School."

Dr. Taylor, the Headmaster, in reply gave the company some details of the School's remarkable progress and the School Captain, W. D. M. Oeters, added his comments on the successful School Rugby XV and other games activities. The School Captain also ably proposed the toast of the Old Boys' Club to which the President responded.

The Committee are earnestly examining all possible means of improving the catering arrangements for the Dinner in the light of past experience and trust that their efforts will be rewarded with success and a record attendance next year.

O.H. Sports Ground

Considerable changes have been taking place in the finances, the situation, and the status of the Old Boys' ground at Borehamwood. As the entrance is now within the new L.C.C. housing Estate, its address is Croxdale Road, Theobald Street, Borehamwood, Herts and No. 52 buses stop at Croxdale Road within a few yards of the ground. Consequent upon the purchase by the L.C.C. of the freehold in exchange for an 80 years leasehold, the 1st debentures totalling £2,300 and issued by Old Haberdashers' Sports Ground Ltd. have been repaid. This company now has outstanding a loan of £2,000 to the Rugby Football Union repayable in annual instalments, and 2nd. debentures of £400 each to the Haberdashers' Old Boys Club and to the O.H. Rugby Football Club.

Trustees for the 3½% 1st mortgage debenture holders Messrs. Wm. C. Brett and A. C. Mann have retired from the Board of the O.H. Sports Ground Ltd. and their places have been taken by M. J. Jackman (Hon. Treas. of the Rugby Club) and K. H. Blessley (Hon. Surveyor to the Company). There are only five shareholders in the Company, who are also the board of directors, as follows:—

A. G. Jenkins	} whose shares are held on behalf of O.H. Rugby Club
S. H. Bean	
M. J. Jackman	
K. H. Blessley	
J. N. Green	whose share is held on behalf of Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club.
A. N. Bonwick	Secretary.

The board would like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Brett and Mann for their services as Trustees and directors. Mr. Brett became chairman of the company on its inception in 1935 and he has been a leading figure in providing this Old Boys' ground. The Rugby Club have expressed their appreciation of his services in this connection.

Now that the Old Boys' Cricket Club also uses the ground and in view of the possibility that the Tennis Club may also wish to obtain facilities there in the future the time has come to place control of the ground on a new footing. With this object in view the Rugby Club Committee have appointed a sub-Committee to prepare a scheme for submission to the H.O.B.C., the Committees of the Rugby and Cricket Clubs and any other interests concerned, which it is hoped will place the finances of the club on a sound basis.

The board of the O.H.S.G. Ltd. wishes to thank those holders of debentures who so generously gave the whole or a part of the proceeds of repayment to the Rugby Club to help relieve the debt undertaken by the Rugby Club on behalf of the Sports Ground Ltd.

The next task facing the controlling body is the provision of permanent accommodation for the steward-groundsmen at the pavilion and it is hoped that all Old Boys will in due course give support to the necessary financial scheme.

After some years of uncertainty the ground at Borehamwood is now in course of transition from a meadow to a first-class sports ground worthy of its exalted position as the sole piece of property owned by the Old Boys.

O.H. Rugby Football Club

President: A. C. MANN, Esq. M.V.O.

Hon. Treasurer: M. J. JACKMAN, 22, Crawford Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

Hon. Secretary: A. G. JENKINS, 36, Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6. *Tel.:* TUDor 6011.

Season 1954-55 will soon be upon us and as will be seen from the list of fixtures at Borehamwood in the first half of the season, which appears below, an attractive programme has been arranged by the Hon. Match Secretary, J. S. Alexander. The Club has a new captain this season in F. T. Last who succeeds N. R. Parker and it is hoped that some of the new talent "blooded" into senior football last season will make the full grade this year. In the A XV Alan Bovington takes over the captaincy from Norman James and at the annual meeting of the Club tributes were paid to the work done by these two captains as well as by the President of the Club for 1952-54, S. E. Phillips. His successor, A. C. Mann, captained the Club in its first season and is a member of Middlesex R.F.U. Committee.

If Roger Parker experienced difficulty in finding players up to the required standard for the 1st XV. last season at least there were compensations in the results of the Junior XVs and particularly the A XV. Our statistician W. R. Tanner supplies the following details.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	28	8	2	18	157	248
chief scorers: Spratt 55 pts. Barnes, Kenward each 15 pts.						
A XV	25	16	3	6	275	156
(D. W. Wells 67 pts. Stagg 52, Grierson, Maddocks each 21).						
Ex. A XV	23	15	2	6	232	96
(Binney 39, Goodman 30, Freitag 18).						
B XV	24	10	3	11	191	208
(Bell 22 pts. Tanner 22 pts. Howell 19 pts.).						
C XV	21	5	1	15	164	286
(Percy 15 pts. Hindom 12 pts.).						

An Extra B XV also played and won one game 23 6.

During the season both Parker and Spratt played their 200th. post-War game for the 1st XV and the fact that 35 players appeared

for the 1st XV shows that the selection committee was not afraid to experiment in its attempts to find a winning combination. Among the best of the XV's excellent results were victories over Streatham A and Old Blues A and a draw with Wasps A.

The Easter Tour proved a great success, despite a complicated travel plan which included a journey to Salisbury on the Saturday. After leading Bridgwater for most of the game the O.H. suffered a couple of injuries towards the end and the final score was 20-13 in Bridgwater's favour. A somewhat experimental team was well beaten by Salisbury but on the Monday the O.H. pulled off a narrow win against Wiveliscombe, always a difficult side to beat on their own ground. Headquarters were at Crewkerne.

The Club would like to thank the School authorities for so kindly providing once again training facilities at the School.

Its thanks are also due to those who contributed to the fund raised by Ellis Cinnamon for curtains and other improvements to the pavilion and to those who have made gifts of various kinds to furnish the premises. If any Old Boy has a surplus radio set to dispose of, it would be much appreciated to provide news broadcasts at the ground.

Spectators will be very welcome at Croxdale Road, Borehamwood, next season and it may be noted that 52 Buses from Burnt Oak now pass the ground.

Leading matches at Borehamwood for the first half of the season are as follows:—

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Sept.	25th	1st XV v. Old Millhillians
Oct.	2nd	A XV v. Old Dunstonians A
"	9th	A XV v. Old Merchant Taylors A
"	16th	1st XV v. K.C.S Old Boys
"	23rd	A XV v. London Welsh A
"	30th	1st XV v. Old Rutlishians
Nov.	6th	1st XV v. Berkshire Wanderers
"	13th	A XV v. St. Barts. Hospital A
"	20th	1st XV v. Old Cranleighans
"	27th	A XV v. Chingford 1st. XV
Dec.	4th	School v Old Boys' Matches at Chase Lodge
"	11th	A XV v. Old Paulines A
"	18th	1st XV v. Sutton
"	27th	Boxing Day games v. U.C.S.O.B. at Osterley

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Jan.	1 st	A XV v. Streatham A
"	8th	1st XV v. Portsmouth
"	15th	1st XV v. Old Blues
"	22nd	1st XV v. Stroud

Swimming

O.H.R.F.C. entered a team of four for the Rugby Clubs' invitation race at the Otter S.C. Splash Night at Chelsea Baths at the end of the Rugby Season. In their heat the O.H. swam second to Guy's Hospital, the eventual winners and by recording

the fastest losers' time they qualified for the final, in which they swam third to Guy's and Old Paulines. Congratulations to C. Robinson who organised the team for achieving such a creditable result against first-class opposition. Guy's team included Kendall, the Olympic swimmer.

O.H. Athletic Club

Captain: J. G. STAGG, 70, Chambers Lane, N. W. 10.

Tel.: WILlesden 4186.

Hon. Secretary: B. A. GOODMAN, 42, St. Gabriel's Road, N.W.2.

Tel.: GLAdstone 5360.

The Club started the Season with 31 members. The following are the fixtures arranged:—

- v.* the School at Chase Lodge, Tuesday, May 4th.
- v.* Ealing Harriers and Ruislip A.C. at Drayton Green Middx on June 8th.
- v.* Queens Park Harriers and Willesden Youth at King Edwards Park Willesden 7 p.m. June 22nd.
- v.* Old Gaytonians and Ealing Harriers at Harrow County School on Thursday July 1st at 7. p.m.
- v.* Shaftesbury Harriers and Eton Manor A.C. at Parliament Hill Fields at 7. p.m. Wednesday July 28th.
- v.* Hampstead Harriers and Ruislip A.C. at 7. p.m. Thursday, August 19th.
- v.* Finchley Harriers and Potters Bar A.C. Wednesday, August 25th at 7 p.m. at Wembley Park.

The Secretary would be pleased to hear from any Old Boy interested in joining the Section.

O.H. Cricket Club

Captain: D. A. BLESSLEY, 7, Oakmead Gardens, The Hale, Edgware.

Tel.: MILl Hill 5151.

The opening of the 1954 season has seen an important step forward in the affairs of the O.H.C.C. On May 9th, the first game was played at Elstree when Sudbury Court were defeated by 8 wickets. The cricket has still a long way to go before it may be regarded as absolutely satisfactory. Already a certain amount of work has been done by certain members who have shown great keenness in giving up a lot of their own time. As there is no question of a full-time groundsman, it will be the duty of *every* player to assist in working on the ground so that our cricket may soon become as good as we should like it to be.

The Club has already come a long way since 1947 when 2 games were played. This year 21 matches have been arranged for the 1st XI and 16 for the 2nd XI. Up till the 2nd of May the 1st XI has in addition to the opening victory beaten Old Millhillians and lost to Pinner and Totteridge. Our bowling has been fairly well up to standard and there have been some good per-

performances by Maconachie, Spratt, Binney and Cullingford. Our batting, however, has left a lot to be desired and the only innings of note has been Martin's against Pinner when he went a long way towards winning the match off his own bat and did not get any support. It is to be hoped that when the weather improves and we get fast wickets, some of our batsmen will find their form and start to make some large scores.

The 2nd XI has won 1 match, drawn 1 and lost 2—one of the defeats being by the narrow margin of 1 wicket in a low scoring game against Mill Hill Village 3rd XI.

We have as yet placed 2 sides in the field every weekend but we still need new members; will any one interested please get in touch with: W. Apted, 37, Craven Park, N.W.10. (Elgar 5862).

We hope in a year or two to play cricket at Elstree every Saturday and Sunday, which will involve turning out 4 sides every weekend; and to make this possible we must have new recruits.

There is a match at Elstree every Sunday until September 5th and we shall be delighted to welcome any O.H. and friends at any time. Tea and other refreshments are available.

REMAINING FIXTURES AT ELSTREE

Sun.	July	4th	1st XI v. Albanian Association.
Sat.	„	10th	v. The School at Chase Lodge followed by Buffet Dance in the Pavilion at Elstree.
Sun.	„	11th	2nd XI v. Sudbury Court 3rd. XI
„	„	18th	1st XI v. Old Albanians
„	„	25th	1st XI v. Mill Hill Village
„	Aug.	1st	2nd XI v. Morphy Richards C.C.
Mon.	„	2nd	1st XI v. Royal London Club at Hendon Way
Sun.	„	8th	2nd XI v. North Harrow
„	„	15th	2nd XI v. Mill Hill Village 4th XI
„	„	22nd	1st XI v. Cockfosters
„	„	29th	2nd XI v. Totteridge 2nd XI
„	Sept.	5th	1st XI v. Sinclairians

O.H. Golfing Society

President: Ald. W. R. CLEMENS, F.C.A., J.P.

Captain: S. E. PHILLIPS,

Hon. Sec. S. THOMPSON, 30, Brookland Hill, N.W.11.

Tel.: SPEedwell 4441.

The Society's Spring meeting was held on May 8th, at Berkshire Golf Club under delightful conditions. In the morning the Stableford competition was won by H. J. Ryman with 30 points, the runner-up being J. Innocenti with 26 points.

In the afternoon the Stableford foursomes were won by George Batchelor and G. H. Kramers with 31 points.

Extra prizes were presented by S. E. Phillips and S. H. Bean. The next meeting will be held on October 2nd, at Porters Park,

when competition will be for the President's Cup.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to hear from any golfing Old Haberdashers who may be interested in joining the Society.

Haberdashers' Old Boys' Lodge, No. 3362

Hon. Secretary: J. N. GREEN, 37, Beaufort Road, Ealing, W.5.

The Secretary will be pleased at all times to hear from any Old Boy who may be interested in membership of the Lodge.

O.H. Lawn Tennis Club

Hon. Sec.: P. FREITAG, "Roseberry," Hempstead Road,
Watford, Herts, *Tel.:* Gadebrook 2162.

This season the tennis club is passing through a transitional stage. While the courts at Chase Lodge are still in very frequent and regular use, permission has now been obtained to roll out some grass courts at Elstree. This eventually will mean full facilities of every type all the week round including Sundays and will mean the club has a proper home at last. So, in the near future, any help that can be obtained in rolling and mowing especially on Sundays, at Elstree will be appreciated. The courts at Chase Lodge, where we have been so happy since our foundation, are, and will continue to be, in use and it is expected that improved changing and shower facilities will be made available to the club.

We have again entered a team for the Public Schools Old Boys Competition—The D'Abernon Cup, and have so far progressed two rounds gaining a $5\frac{1}{2}$ – $3\frac{1}{2}$ win in an extremely well fought and enjoyable match against the Old Harrovians at Byfleet L.T.C. and beating Old Mid-Whitgiftians in an exciting closely-fought match by 5–4 in the next round. Although everyone acquitted themselves well, an especially noteworthy victory was that of David Thomas and Roger Ovens over Lord Ronaldshay and Turnbull.

At our Annual General Meeting, no changes were made in the club's officers or committee and it was hoped that we would have a successful season and succeed in establishing ourselves at Elstree.

O.H. News

News of Old Boys and their activities will be welcomed by the O.H. Correspondent of The Skylark, A. G. Jenkins, 36, Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6., or can be sent direct to the Editors at the School.

Personal

COPLAND—From Mrs. Copland comes news of the Copland family. IAN A. M. COPLAND (1938–46) followed up his Army Service, 1946–48, with four years at Jesus College, Oxford, then as a post-graduate at the College of Europe, Bruges, studying the Schumann Plan. Last year he took up an appointment with Skinningrove Iron and Steel Co. in Yorkshire.

COPLAND, R. Y. (1942–47) was at Wadham College, Oxford, after Army service. In September, 1952 he took up an appointment with Ludlow Jute Co. Chengail, Calcutta. On July 13th 1953 he married at Chengail, Calcutta, Sheila Carol-Thomas of Harrow.

EPSTEIN, S. S. (1938–39). M.B. (double honours) Guy's Hospital Medical School. 1951, is now serving in R.A.M.C. overseas, with the rank of Captain.

JERMY, K. E. M.A., A.I.M., A.I. MIN.E. (1932–39), has left Central Research Establishment II of the National Coal Board to take up an appointment with the Zinc Development Association in Oxford.

JOHNSON, M. E. (1948–52) is in the New Zealand Forestry Service, Rotorua, N.Z.

KNOWLES-BROWN, J. H. (1941–47), was ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans in St. Alban's Abbey on Trinity Sunday, June 13th, 1954.

MARTIN N. A. (1914–19) has retired from the R.A.F. where he was senior ground Defence Staff Officer at H.Q. No. 205 group, Canal Zone, Egypt. For his services Norman Martin was awarded the O.B.E., and the Coronation Medal.

MORGAN, C. D., has moved to The Hollies, Pix Farm Lane, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
Tel.: Berkamstead 915.

RIMINGTON, C. (1912–20). who is Professor and Head of the Clinical Pathological Department, The Medical School, University College Hospital, London, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society—writes the Rev. W. H. Braine, who is still Chaplain to University College Hospital.

Births

PURCELL—On January 24th, 1954., at Westminster Hospital, to Pauline (née Miller) wife of E. T. Purcell (1938–44), a son (Nigel Stuart).

Deaths

JOBLING, Ernest (1903-1919) founder of Joblings House and a former assistant master of the School died in January aged 72 years. An appreciation of his life and work by J. H. Blunt, one of his former colleagues on the staff of the School, is appended below. Tributes from other old friends and colleagues have also been received including one from F. J. Jeffs, now approaching his 80th birthday, who was once Physics Master at the School and still takes an active interest on such occasions as Commendation Day. Mr. Jeffs writes of the high regard he had for Ernest Jobling and pays tribute to his nobility of character. We join him in expressing our heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Jobling and other members of the family in their loss. Jobling's cheery presence at Old Boys' Dinners and other gatherings, where it was always a joy to listen to his anecdotes, will be sadly missed.

PENDLEBURY. We have been notified of the death, which occurred last summer, of Thomas Pendlebury one of the oldest of the Old Boys. He entered the Hoxton School in 1881 and in 1889 he joined the old City Bank (now incorporated in the Midland Bank) with whom he served for 42 years, becoming an Assistant Manager in the Overseas Branch and retiring in 1931. He was like many of his contemporaries, a great friend of the late Mr. "Puggy" Stokes, who was his form-master.

In Memoriam

ERNEST JOBLING

It was a shock to hear of the sudden death on January 26th last of Mr. Ernest Jobling. We had seen him quite frequently at School events since his retirement from his Essex school and he seemed to be in good health.

He was, I think, two years younger than myself, and was two years senior in service at the School, for he joined the staff in January, 1903, when the School moved into the present building from temporary accommodation.

When I came to take Form I in January, 1905, he was the master of Form III, in the room now the new Masters' Room. He was then chiefly concerned with the middle forms and was, I believe, for a time in charge of games.

In those early days we were all very near together and Mr. Jobling was much liked by all. He had a cheerfulness and humour that was helpful to his boys and to his colleagues.

He was in the Artillery in World War I and was, I believe,

mentioned in Dispatches. I returned to the School in January, 1919, and he came back to us a little later.

When Mr. Wagstaffe went to King's Lynn, Mr. Jobling left to go to the Varsity and then joined the Staff of a well-known Essex school where he eventually became Second Master, and from then on till his retirement we saw little of him.

When, in Mr. Wagstaffe's time, the House names were changed, the masters next senior to the Second Master (Mr. Stokes) gave their names to the six Houses.

At the time of my return from war service, he took command or resumed command of the Cadet Corps and I owe a great deal to his help when I then took up a Cadet Commission.

He had not long to enjoy his retirement. I offer my sincere condolences to his wife and family.

J. H. BLUNT.

H.O.B.C.—Skylarks

In the past, Members have been asked to assist the Magazine Secretary by making advance payments for a number of issues. The majority have been good enough to co-operate. Some, however, have not: at the moment, there are arrears amounting to approximately £30. The Auditors have decided that this book loss must cease, and their decision has been approved by the Committee. It is therefore requested that from henceforth those Members concerned will make payments for at least two issues in advance. Alternatively they are asked to send notification of their wish to discontinue receiving the magazine. The Old Boys' Notes will be sent to these Members.

Notification of arrears is included where necessary. Those receiving such are asked to rectify the matter as soon as possible.

W. R. TANNER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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